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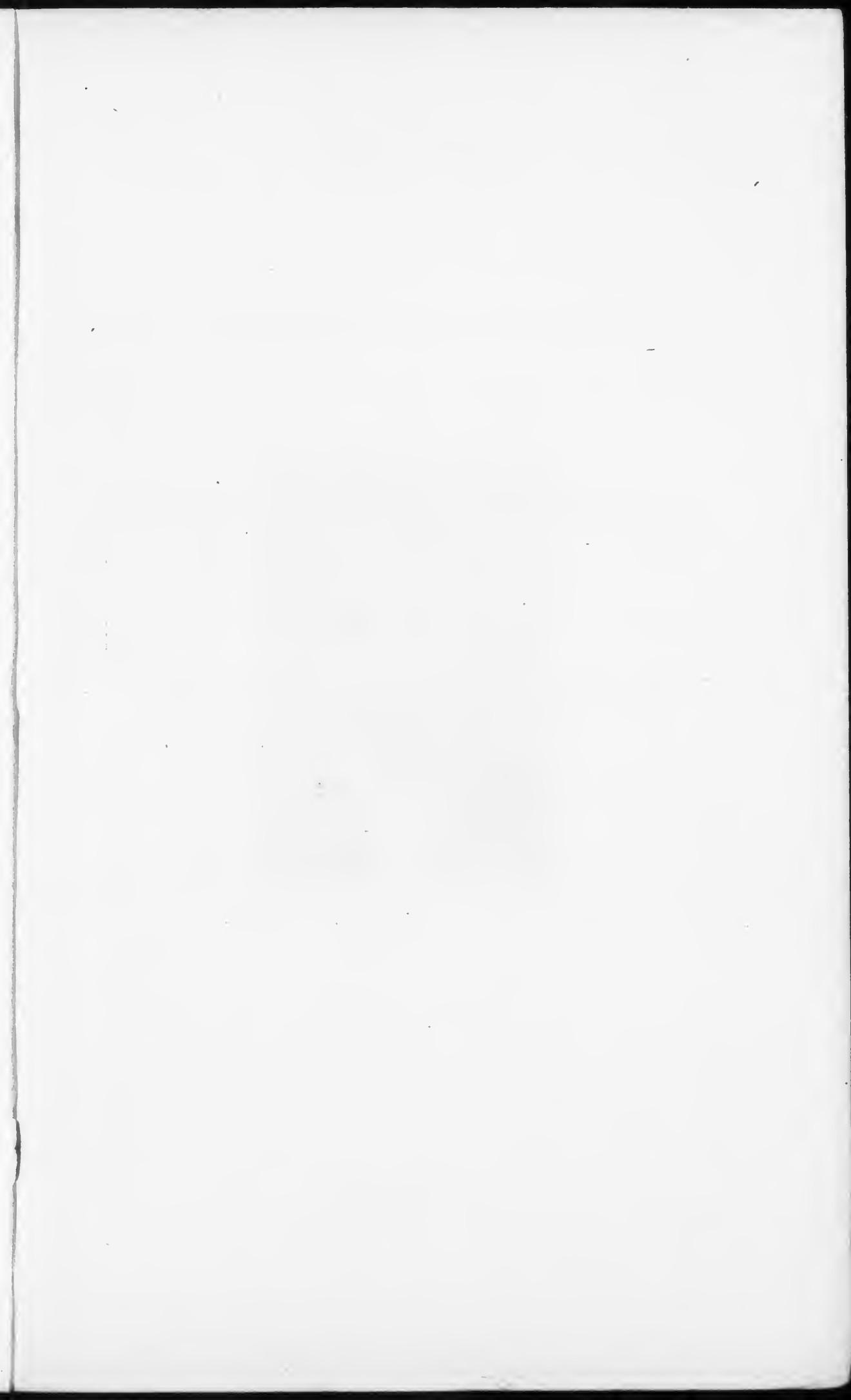
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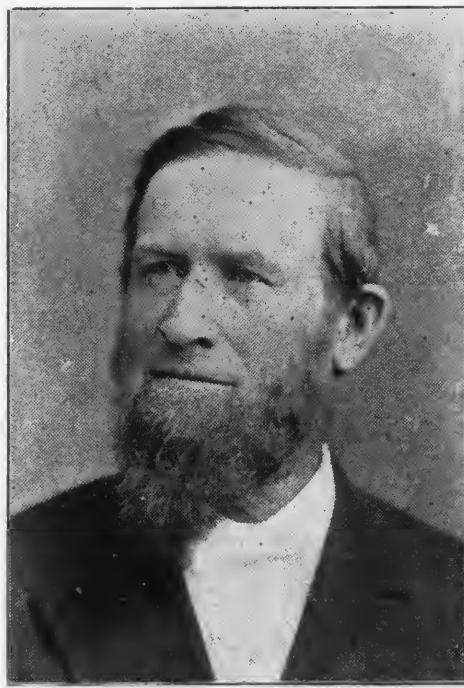
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	Time	Conference	Time	Manner		
Beavis, R. B.....	1894	British Col.	1896	Credentials	Sup'y.....	Hanley Sash, Canada
Boyce, O. E.....	1902	Dakota	1902	Probation...	Effective.....	Evanston, Ill.
Boylan, Frank E.....		N. W. Neb..	1905	Transfer ...	Effective.....	Custer.....
Bromaghim, F. L.....	1895	Dakota	1895	Probation...	Effective.....	Devoe.....
Brown, G. D.....	1897	Dakota	1897	Probation...	Effective.....	Salem.....
Brown, S. F.....	1866	Wyoming	1885	Charter Mbr	Sup't.....	Bangor.....
Bunt, P. O.....	1902	Dakota	1902	Probation...	Effective.....	Alpena.....
Butterfield, O. W.....	1903	Dakota	1903	Probation...	Effective.....	Miller.....
Carhart, A. E.....	1892	Dakota	1892	Probation...	Effective.....	Mitchell.....
Case, F. F.....	1902	Dakota	1902	Probation...	Effective.....	Rapid City.....
Chamberlain, D. W.....		N. W. Iowa	1885	Charter Mbr	Sup't.....	Scotland.....
Chappell, E. S.....	1891	Dakota	1891	Probation...	Effective.....	Hot Springs.....
Chappell, S. A.....	1897	Dakota	1897	Probation...	Effective.....	Milbank.....
Cave, W. A.....	1901	Dakota	1901	Probation...	Effective.....	Flandreau.....
Chit ick, O. F.....	1899	N. W. Iowa	1905	Transfer ...	Effective.....	Herreid.....
Corwin, G. J.....	1886	Dakota	1886	Probation...	Effective.....	Kimball.....
Clark, C. B.....	1864	Iowa	1900	Transfer ...	Effective.....	Deadwood.....
Crowther, James.....	1904	Dakota	1904	Probation...	Effective.....	Wessington Springs.....
Dean, E. E.....	1896	Dakota	1896	Probation...	Effective.....	Claremont.....
Decble, W. D.....	1888	Dakota	1888	Probation...	Effective.....	Britton.....
Dibble, J. B.....	1890	Dakota	1890	Probation...	Effective.....	Parker.....
Dimmitt, J. H.....	1902	Iowa	1905	Transfer ...	Effective.....	Alexandria.....
Dobson, J. O.....	1885	Upper Iowa	1893	Transfer ...	Effective.....	Mitchell.....
Dunn, F. B.....	1888	Des Moines	1904	Transfer ...	Effective.....	Sisseton.....
Farr, H. I.....	1903	Dakota	1903	Probation...	Effective.....	Phenix, Ariz.....
Fillebrown, C. L.....	1893	Central Ohio	1903	Transfer ...	Effective.....	Armour.....
Fox, Frank.....	1900	Dakota	1900	Probation...	Effective.....	Gettysburg.....
Gilliland, C. V.....	1900	Upper Iowa	1905	Transfer ...	Effective.....	Mitchell.....
Gardner, Paul.....	1900	Des Moines	1905	Transfer ...	Effective.....	White.....
Graham, W. I.....	1878	Iowa	1897	Transfer ...	Effective.....	Watertown.....
Granger, G. L.....	1904	Dakota	1904	Probation...	Effective.....	Evanston, Ill.....
Gram, W. O.....	1893	Dakota	1893	Probation...	Sup't.....	Bath.....
Greene, W. A.....	1897	Dakota	1897	Probation...	Effective.....	Platte.....
Gurney, J. T.....	1896	Detroit	1900	Transfer ...	Effective.....	Wessington.....
Hager, C. E.....	1878	Upper Iowa	1885	Charter Mbr	Effective.....	Mitchell.....
Hall, E. P.....	1889	North Dak..	1896	Transfer ...	Effective.....	Brookings.....
Hall, J. G.....	1886	Ohio	1886	Transfer ...	Sup't.....	Redlands, Cal.....
Hall, John.....	1899	Black Hills	1900	Transfer ...	Effective.....	Custer.....
Harkness, J. S.....	1894	Wesleyan C.	1894	Credentials	Effective.....	Webster.....
Hartsough, L.....	1851	Oneida	1885	Charter Mbr	Sup't.....	Mt. Vernon, la.....
Hastings, H. L.....	1904	Dakota	1904	Probation...	Effective.....	Bradley.....
Hopkins, G. F.....	1888	British Col..	1893	Credentials	Effective.....	Aberdeen.....
Hyde, O. M.....	1903	Dakota	1903	Probation...	Effective.....	Hazel.....
Jamieson, A.....	1872	N. W. Iowa	1885	Charter Mbr	Effective.....	Correctionville, Ia.....
Janes, A. P.....	1890	Dakota	1890	Probation...	Effective.....	Plankinton.....
Jenkins, J. P.....	1887	Dakota	1887	Probation...	Effective.....	Sioux Falls.....
Johnson, N. P.....	1894	W. N. Dan.	1899	Transfer ...	Effective.....	Selby.....
Jones, John.....	1905	Dakota	1905	Probation...	Effective.....	Dell Rapids.....
Kaye, John.....	1897	Dakota	1897	Probation...	Effective.....	Howard.....
Kearton, J. H.....	1905	Dakota	1905	Probation...	Effective.....	Mitchell.....
Keckler, L. R.....	1905	Dakota	1905	Probation...	Effective.....	Richland.....
Kerr, D. S.....	1902	Dakota	1902	Probation...	Effective.....	Ashton.....
Krueger, F. T.....	1897	Colorado	1904	Transfer ...	Effective.....	Redfield.....
Lane, L. L.....	1899	Dakota	1899	Probatiou...	Effective.....	Groton.....
Logsdon, C. E.....	1899	Upper Iowa	1899	Transfer ...	Sup'y.....	Mitchell.....
Lombard, J. E.....		E. Maine	1905	Transfer ...	Effective.....	Geddes.....
Loveall, A. S.....		W. Va.....	1905	Transfer ...	Effective.....	Canton.....
MacDuffee, F. C.....	1894	Dakota	1894	Probation...	Sup'y.....	Custer.....
McEldowney, B. W.....	1902	Dakota	1902	Probation...	Effective.....	Henry.....
McLean, D. C.....	1890	Dakota	1880	Probation...	Sup'y.....	Webster.....
MacLean, L.....	1883	Central Ill.	1895	Transfer ...	Effective.....	Scotland.....
McLean, A. C.....	1904	Dakota	1904	Probation...	Effective.....	Arlington.....
MacBeth, P. H.....	1903	Dakota	1903	Probation...	Effective.....	Faulkton.....
McNeill, L. K.....		Missouri	1905	Transfer ...	Effective.....	Wakonda.....
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Minty, W. F.....	1877	Rock River	1-85	Charter Mbr	Effective..	Egan
Nickerson, M. E.....	1885	N. W. Iowa	1885	Charter Mbr	Sup'y.....	Hamline, Minn
Nicholson, Thos.....	1886	Michigan	1903	Transfer	Effective..	Mitchell
Norton, F. J.....	1878	Upper Iowa	1-95	Transfer	Sup'y.....	Gettysburg
Norvell, J. E.....	1885	N. W. Iowa	1885	Charter Mbr	Effective..	Northville
Notson, G. T.....	1893	Des Moines	1894	Transfer	Effective..	Pierre
Potter, I. P.....	1897	Dakota	1-97	Probation...	Effective..	Tripp
Preston, Henry.....	1903	Dakota	1903	Probation...	Effective..	DeSmet
Phillips, O. A.....	1863	Un'd Breth	1885	Charter Mbr	Effective..	Letcher
Redburn, W. B.....	1889	Missouri	1897	Transfer	Sup'y.....	Long Beach, Cal.
Redfield, W. O.....	1890	Dakota	1890	Probation...	Effective..	Beresford
Rifenbark, D.....	1885	N. W. Iowa	1885	Charter Mbr	Effective..	Huron
Rosenberry G. W.....	1895	Cent. N. Y.....	1901	Transfer	Effective..	Yankton
Sanderson, T.....	1896	Dakota	1896	Probation...	Effective..	Big Stone City
Saxton, E. E.....	1901	Dakota	1901	Probation...	Effective..	Corona
Seaton, J. L.....		Upper Iowa	1904	Transfer	Effective..	Mitchell
Shepherd, A. C.....	1898	Dakota	1898	Probation...	Effective..	Vermillion
Shepherd, W. S.....	1898	Dakota	1898	Probation...	Effective..	Watertown
Sevy, I. B.....	1901	Dakota	1901	Probation...	Effective..	Sioux Falls
Simmons, T.....	1875	Upper Iowa	1885	Charter Mbr	Effective..	Chicago, Ill.
Simmons, E. E.....	1896	N. W. Iowa	1903	Transfer	Sup'y.....	Lake Preston
Shugg, W. E.....	1896	Cent N. Y.....	1903	Transfer	Effective..	Lennox
Slocum, W. P.....	1902	Dakota	1902	Probation...	Effective..	Hurley
Slocumb, L. V.....	1903	Dakota	1903	Probation...	Effective..	Alcester
Shurtleff, S. H.....	1905	Dakota	1905	Probation...	Effective..	Harrisburg
Smith, H. W.....	1904	Dakota	1904	Probation...	Effective..	Montrose
Smith, Joel A.....		Upper Iowa	1905	Transfer	Effective..	Woonsocket
Springer, H. M.....	1864	W. Wis.....	1885	Charter Mbr	Sup't.....	Hartford, Vt.
Stewart, W. B.....	1893	Dakota	1893	Probation...	Effective..	Elk Point
Stiles, B. F.....	1903	Dakota	1903	Probation...	Effective..	Carpenter
Tanner, A. E.....	1883	Genesee	1885	Transfer	Sup'y.....	Mitchell
Tarleton, R. E.....	1905	Dakota	1905	Probation...	Effective..	Mell-tte
Taylor, J. W.....	1886	Detroit	1902	Transfer	Effective..	Aberdeen
Thibadeau, A. D.....	1904	Dakota	1904	Probation...	Effective..	Madison
Thomas, Martin.....	1901	Dakota	1901	Probation...	Effective..	Park City, Utah
Thurston, A. W.....	1897	Dakota	1897	Probation...	Effective..	Mt. Vernon
Trevithick, T. H.....	1892	Dakota	1903	Transfer	Effective..	Hartford
Underwood, Wm.....	1853	Rock River	1887	Re-admis...	Sup't.....	White Lake
VanDerVoort, R. J.....	1904	Dakota	1904	Probation...	Effective..	Colman
Vogt, J. H.....	1902	Missouri	1903	Transfer	Sup'y.....	Pierre
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Wallis, H. K.....	1904	Dakota	1904	Probation...	Effective..	Gary
Ward, A. M.....	1905	Dakota	1905	Probation...	Effective..	Frederick
Weaver, S. T.....	1894	Des Moines	1902	Transfer	Effective..	Bristol
Wilkinson, T.....	1871	Prim. Meth	1891	Credentials	Sup't.....	Siloam Springs, Ark.
Wilkinson, H. S.....	1893	Upper Iowa	1900	Transfer	Effective..	Mitchell
Wilkinson, W. A.....	1903	N. W. Iowa	1904	Transfer	Effective..	Centerville
Williams, O.....	1860	Des Moines	1892	Transfer	Sup't.....	Mitchell
Winner, J. O.....	1887	Newark	1904	Transfer	Effective..	Sioux Falls
Youngman, T. H.....	1867	Oneida	1891	Transfer	Sup't.....	Mitchell

DAKOTA CONFERENCE

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PROBATIONERS

Name	Admitted		Class	Postoffice
	Conference	Year		
Scott, W. S.....	Dakota	1903	Second Year.....	Mitchell
Weston, P. H.....	Dakota	1901	Second Year.....	Mt. Vernon, Ia.
Cathers, A. L.....	Dakota	1904	Second Year.....	Burdette
Holgate, Ernest.....	Dakota	1904	Second Year.....	Bard
Machemer, E. O.....	Dakota	1904	Second Year.....	Lake Preston
Boslaugh, C. C.....	Dakota	1905	First Year	Hitchcock
Eberhart, H. P.....	Dakota	1905	First Year	Gayville
Holliday, T. K.....	Dakota	1905	First Year	Vienna
Layne, L. L.....	Dakota	1905	First Year	Doland
Meinzer, E. G.....	Dakota	1905	First Year	Summit
Sanderson, N. S.....	Dakota	1905	First Year	Hecla
Scott, L. W.....	Dakota	1905	First Year	Garretson
Weak, H. H.....	Dakota	1905	First Year	Ethan

SESSIONS OF DAKOTA MISSION AND CONFERENCE

Date	Place	President	Members	Secretary
Sept., 1880..	Yankton	Bishop Warren	1050	Wm. McCready
Oct., 1881..	Sioux Falls	Bishop Hurst	1366	Wm. McCready
Oct., 1882..	Parker	Bishop Merrill	1504	Wm. McCready
Oct., 1883..	Huron	Bishop Simpson	2782	D. Rifenbark
Oct., 1884..	Mitchell	Bishop Andrews	4469	D. Rifenbark
Oct., 1885..	Blunt	Bishop Foss	5209	A. R. Boggs
Oct., 1886..	Watertown	Bishop Bowman	6565	A. R. Boggs
Oct., 1887..	Aberdeen	Bishop Fowler	8225	A. R. Boggs
Oct., 1888..	Yankton	Bishop Walden	9474	A. R. Boggs
Oct., 1889..	Huron	Bishop Vincent	10526	W. H. Jordan
Oct., 1890..	Mitchell	Bishop FitzGerald	9663	G. D. Cleworth
Oct., 1891..	Sioux Falls	Bishop Foss	9006	A. W. Adkinson
Oct., 1892..	Madison	Bishop Goodsell	9170	A. W. Adkinson
Oct., 1893..	Brookings	Bishop Ninde	9749	G. D. Cleworth
Oct., 1894..	Watertown	Bishop Fowler	10094	G. D. Cleworth
Oct., 1895..	Aberdeen	Bishop Joyce	9510	C. H. Smith
Oct., 1896..	Vermillion	Bishop Vincent	9335	J. P. Jenkins
Oct., 1897..	Mitchell	Bishop Warren	9269	J. P. Jenkins
Oct., 1898..	Parker	Bishop McCabe	10429	J. P. Jenkins
Oct., 1899..	Huron	Bishop Hurst	10960	J. P. Jenkins
Oct., 1900..	Sioux Falls	Bishop Merrill	11324	G. T. Notson
Oct., 1901..	Milbank	Bishop Foss	11430	G. T. Notson
Oct., 1902..	Madison	Bishop Goodsell	11187	G. T. Notson
Oct., 1903..	Aberdeen	Bishop Walden	11440	G. T. Notson
Oct., 1904..	Mitchell	Bishop Hamilton	11881	G. T. Notson
Oct., 1905..	Watertown	Bishop Warren	12522	G. T. Notson

MISSIONARY APPROPRIATIONS 1905-6

ABERDEEN DISTRICT

Andover.....	\$ 100.00	Hecla.....	50.00
Ashlon.....	50.00	Langford.....	75.00
Bowdle.....	125.00	Leola.....	100.00
Bath.....	50.00	Mellette.....	75.00
Claremont.....	50.00	Northville.....	75.00
Columbia and Putney.....	75.00	Selby.....	125.00
Conde.....	50.00	Warner.....	125.00
Devoe.....	125.00	District.....	400.00
Doland.....	50.00		
Frankfort.....	50.00	Total.....	\$1850.00
Frederick.....	100.00		

HURON DISTRICT

Blunt.....	\$ 100.00	Lebanon.....	100.00
Burdette.....	100.00	Okobojo and Onida.....	100.00
Carpenter.....	80.00	Fort Pierre.....	100.00
Carthage.....	50.00	Seneca.....	80.00
Cavour.....	100.00	Stanley.....	280.00
Desmet.....	50.00	Wessington.....	120.00
Gettysburg.....	100.00	Wolsey.....	100.00
Hitchcock.....	100.00	District.....	400.00
Highmore.....	100.00		
Iroquois.....	100.00	Total.....	\$2160.00

MITCHELL DISTRICT

Armour.....	(\$ 50.00)	Tyndall.....	50.00
Bard and Riverside.....	100.00	White Lake.....	100.00
Bridgewater.....	50.00	Wagner.....	50.00
Beaver.....	15.00		
Canistota.....	60.00		\$2000.00
Fairfax and Bonesteel.....	200.00	District.....	200.00
Gregory, Carlock and Herrick....	300.00		
Kimball and Pukwana.....	50.00	Total.....	\$2200.00
Letcher.....	75.00		
Mussman and Loveville.....	(300.00)	Less amounts above in brackets to	
Parkston.....	50.00	be secured by special appropria-	
Presho and Vivian.....	(250.00)	tion.....	450.00
Reliance and Kennebeck.....	250.00		
Springfield.....	50.00		
			\$1750.00

SIOUX FALLS DISTRICT

Alcester.....	\$ 60.00	Junius.....	30.00
Beresford.....	40.00	Lennox.....	80.00
Bloomingdale and Richland.....	40.00	Marion.....	50.00
Egan.....	40.00	Montrose.....	80.00
Elk Point.....	100.00	Jordan Church.....	150.00
Garretson.....	60.00		
Hudson.....	50.00	Total.....	\$810.00
Irene	30.00		

WATERTOWN DISTRICT

Aurora and Elkton.....	\$100.00	Kampeska.....	50.00
Bruce.....	100.00	Lake Preston.....	75.00
Bradley.....	50.00	Vienna.....	125.00
Castlewood.....	100.00	Waubay.....	100.00
Corona.....	40.00		
Clear Lake.....	50.00	Total.....	\$830.00
Garden City.....	40.00		
Grand Total.....			\$7400.00

JOURNAL OF THE SESSION

FIRST DAY

Watertown, So. Dak., October 18, 1905.

The Twenty-First Session of the Dakota Conference convened in the First Methodist Episcopal Church, Watertown, So. Dak., at 9 o'clock, a. m., Bishop Henry W. Warren, LL. D., presiding.

Devotional exercises were conducted by the Rev. John P. Brushingham, D. D.

Bishop Warren read selections of Eleventh and Twelfth Chapters of Second Corinthians, and after addressing the Conference proceeded to administer the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, assisted by the Presiding Elders.

Roll Call—The Secretary of the last Conference called the roll and the following brethren responded: F. L. Bromaghim, G. D. Brown, P. O. Bunt, O. W. Butterfield, A. E. Carhart, E. S. Chappell, S. A. Chappell, W. A. Cave, James Crowther, E. E. Dean, W. D. Deeble, J. B. Dibble, J. O. Dobson, F. B. Dunn, W. C. Ehlers, C. L. Fillebrown, W. I. Graham, W. A. Greene, J. T. Gurney, C. E. Hager, E. P. Hall, J. S. Harkness, H. L. Hastings, G. F. Hopkins, O. M. Hyde, A. Jamieson, A. P. Janes, J. P. Jenkins, N. P. Johnson, John Kaye, F. T. Krueger, L. L. Lane, C. E. Logsdon, A. C. McLean, P. H. MacBeth, D. E. Murray, Thos. Nicholson, F. J. Norton, G. T. Notson, I. P. Potter, Henry Preston, O. A. Phillips, D. Rifenbark, G. W. Rosenberry, Thos. Sanderson, E. E. Saxton, A. C. Shepherd, W. S. Shepherd, Thos. Simmons, E. E. Simmons, W. E. Shugg, W. P. Slocum, L. V. Slocumb, H. W. Smith, W. B. Stewart, B. F. Stiles, J. W. Taylor, A. D. Thibadeau, A. W. Thurston, Wm. Underwood, H. K. Wallis, S. T. Weaver, H. S. Wilkinson, W. A. Wilkinson, C. O. Walker, J. O. Winer.—66.

Probationers—John Jones, J. H. Kearton, S. H. Shurtleff, A. M. Ward, A. L. Cathers, Ernest Holgate, L. R. Keckler, E. O. Machemer.—8.

Organization—G. T. Notson was re-elected Secretary and, upon his nomination, W. S. Shepherd, P. H. MacBeth and W. A. Wilkinson were elected Assistants.

J. S. Harkness was re-elected Treasurer and nominated G. W. Rosenberry, C. O. Walker, Thos. Sanderson and O. W. Butterfield as his Assistants.

W. B. Stewart was re-elected Statistical Secretary and named F. L. Bromaghim, Henry Preston, A. W. Thurston and H. W. Smith as Assistant Statisticians.

Postmaster—Hall K. Wallis was elected Postmaster.

Reporters—W. A. Cave was elected reporter for local papers, and P. H. MacBeth for the Northwestern Christian Advocate.

Committees—The list of Standing Committees was presented by the Presiding Elders and elected.

Transfers—W. I. Torbert, of the North Dakota Conference; C. V. Gilliland, of the Upper Iowa Conference; J. E. Lombard, of the East Maine Conference, and A. S. Loveall, of the Iowa Conference, were introduced and their transfers to this Conference announced.

The transfer of Frank E. Boylan from the Northwest Nebraska Conference was announced.

The transfers of J. C. Bigelow to the North Dakota Conference; S. J. Watson to the California Conference; G. E. Webster to the Northern New York Conference, and N. A. Swickard to the Iowa Conference, were announced.

Conference Bar—The Conference bar was fixed to include the first eight rows of seats.

Program—The printed program was adopted.

Dividends—R. N. Chapman, Collector for the Book Concern, was introduced and made an announcement.

The Bishop announced dividends from the Book Concern for \$795 and \$22 from the Chartered Fund. Drafts were ordered for the same.

Addresses—Mrs. Annie H. Sandige, Financial Agent of Asbury Hospital, Minneapolis, spoke in behalf of that institution.

Dr. J. P. Brushingham, Secretary of Commission for Aggressive Evangelism, addressed the Conference.

Dr. E. M. Randall, General Secretary of the Epworth League, spoke on the work of that organization.

Dr. S. W. Trousdale represented the work of the Board of Church Extension before the Conference.

QUESTION THIRTEEN—“Was the Character of each Preacher examined?”—was taken up. The name of J. O. Dobson, Presiding Elder of Mitchell District, was called. He was passed in character and reported his district.

W. I. Graham, Presiding Elder of the Watertown District, was passed in character, and read his report.

Conference Relations—Voted that all candidates for admission on trial, by credentials and on certificates of location, also those to be received into full connection, be required to appear before the Committee on Conference Relations, and the cases of supernumeraries and superannuates, and those who are likely to have their relations changed to either of the above relations, be referred to the same committee. In all cases where the Presiding Elders are unanimous, cases may be referred by them to the Committee on Conference Relations.

Statistical Session—A statistical session was ordered for 2 o'clock p.m.

Adjournment—Committees were called, announcements made, and after singing the Doxology, the Conference adjourned with the Benediction by the Bishop.

STATISTICAL SESSION

The Conference convened at 2 o'clock with the Rev. Wm. Underwood in the chair, by appointment of the Bishop.

W. C. Ehlers led the devotional exercises.

The statistics were collected and the Conference adjourned.

SECOND DAY

Thursday, October 19, 1905.

Opening—Devotional exercises were conducted by Dr. J. P. Brushingham. Bishop Warren took the chair at 9:00 o'clock, and called for the reading of the Minutes of the previous sessions.

Approved—The Journal was read and approved.

Absentees—The following absentees responded: G. J. Corwin, D. S. Kerr, B. W. McEldowney, L. MacLean, W. L. Meinzer, W. F. Minty, J. E. Norvell, W. O. Redfield, I. B. Sevy, B. F. Stiles.—10.

Introduced—E. R. Graham, Junior Agent of the Western Methodist Book Concern, was introduced and addressed the Conference.

Delinquents—The Statistical Secretary and Treasurer called the list of delinquent charges.

QUESTION THIRTEEN—Was resumed. The following Presiding Elders were called, passed in character and read their reports: J. P. Jenkins, Sioux Falls District; C. E. Hager, Huron District; E. P. Hall, Aberdeen District.

After the reading of the above reports, at the suggestion of the Bishop, the Conference arose and joined in singing the Doxology in recognition of the blessings of the year.

The following Elders were called, passed in character and reported their work:

Aberdeen District—J. W. Taylor, D. S. Kerr, W. D. Deeble, C. O. Walker, F. L. Bromaghim, L. L. Lane, N. P. Johnson, J. E. Norvell, E. E. Dean.

Huron District—P. O. Bunt, F. J. Norton, O. A. Phillips, Duane Rifenbark, G. T. Notson, A. D. Thibadeau, J. T. Gurney.

Mitchell District—E. S. Chappell, C. L. Fillebrown, I. B. Sevy, G. J. Corwin, John Kaye, I. P. Potter, H. S. Wilkinson, Lachlin MacLean, A. P. Janes, W. A. Greene, G. D. Brown, A. W. Thurston, A. E. Carhart.

Sioux Falls District—A. Jamieson, A. S. Loveall, W. F. Minty, W. B. Stewart, W. O. Redfield, W. P. Slocum, W. E. Shugg, F. T. Krueger, J. B. Dibble, J. O. Winner, A. C. Shepherd, W. I. Torbert, G. W. Rosenberry, W. A. Cave.

Watertown District—G. F. Hopkins, W. L. Meinzer, E. E. Saxton, H. K. Wallis, E. E. Simmons, S. A. Chappell, F. B. Dunn, W. S. Shepherd, J. S. Harkness, Thos. Sanderson, W. C. Ehlers.

R. B. Beavis, Joel A. Smith, F. F. Case, D. C. McLean, Thomas Nicholson, John L. Seaton, John Hall, Orien E. Boyce and Henry I. Farr were passed in character.

Orien E. Boyce was left without appointment to attend school.

J. W. Lucas—When the name of J. W. Lucas was called, his case was

referred to a Select Number for trial. The following named were duly elected: D. Rifenbark, J. W. Taylor, Henry Preston, F. B. Dunn, O. M. Hyde, A. W. Thurston, C. L. Fillebrown, John Jones, W. F. Minty, S. A. Chappell, O. A. Phillips, J. E. Norvell, F. T. Krueger, Thos. Sanderson, W. A. Greene.

The Bishop appointed Wm. Underwood to preside at the trial.

G. W. Rosenberry was appointed counsel for the church and J. B. Dibble for the defendant.

W. A. Wilkinson was designated to act as Secretary.

E. E. Smith—E. E. Smith was announced as withdrawn from the Ministry and membership of our church.

Reports—W. A. Wilkinson and James Crowther were passed in character and reported their work.

Closing—Committees were called, announcements made, and the Conference adjourned with the Benediction by Bishop Warren.

THIRD DAY

Friday, October 20, 1905.

Opening—After devotional exercises, led by Dr. J. P. Brushingham, the Conference convened at 9 o'clock with Bishop Warren in the chair.

Minutes—The Minutes of the previous session were read and approved.

On motion of the Secretary the plan for the publication of the minutes for last year was re-adopted, and the taking of subscriptions was made the Special Order for 11 o'clock Saturday morning.

Introductions—Rev. R. W. Teichman, Presiding Elder of Aberdeen District, Evangelical Association, was introduced.

Dr. J. B. Trimble, Field Secretary of the Missionary Society, and Dr. Julius Smith, of Burma, were introduced.

QUESTION TEN—"What Members have Completed the Conference Course of Study?"—was taken up. O. M. Hyde, L. V. Slocumb, David E. Murray, Paul H. MacBeth, B. W. McEldowney, W. A. Wilkinson, were passed in character, reported their collections, represented by the Examiners and elected to Elders Orders. W. O. Gram was continued in the studies of the Fourth Year.

QUESTION NINE—"What Members are in the Studies of the Fourth Year?"—was taken up. A. C. McLean, James Crowther, Horace L. Hastings, Henry Preston, were passed in character, reported their collections, represented by the Examiners and their Presiding Elders and advanced to studies of the Fourth Year.

William Mason and O. W. Butterfield were passed in character, represented by the Examiners and advanced to the studies of the Fourth Year.

R. J. Van Der Voort and H. W. Smith were passed in character, reported their collections, were represented by the Examiners and their Presiding Elders and continued in studies of the Third Year.

Gordon L. Granger was passed in character and left without appointment to attend school.

C. E. Logsdon and B. F. Stiles were passed in character, reported their work and were continued in studies of the Third Year.

Henry I. Farr was passed in character and continued in the studies of the Third Year.

P. S. Ingersoll was announced as withdrawn under complaints.

R. H. Dempsey was granted a location at his own request, with standing as a local deacon.

QUESTION FIVE—“Who Have Been Continued on Trial?”—was taken up. A. L. Cathers, E. O. Machemer, Ernest Holgate, were passed in character, reported their collections, represented by the Examiners and their Presiding Elders and were advanced to the studies of the Second Year.

QUESTION TWENTY-TWO—“Who are the Superannuated Preachers?”—was taken up. D. W. Chamberlain, Lewis Hartsough, T. H. Walker, S. F. Brown, Thomas Wilkinson, Wm. Underwood, J. G. Hall, H. M. Springer, William O. Gram, Oliver Williams, were passed in character and continued in their present relation.

A Letter of Greeting was read from Louis Hartsough, and J. O. Dobson was designated to make a fitting response on behalf of the Conference.

Wm. Underwood addressed the Conference. The Conference joined in singing “How Firm a Foundation Ye Saints of the Lord.”

Missions—The following resolutions, presented by the Presiding Elders, were adopted:

Whereas, We note with gratitude to God the increased interest and activity in World Evangelism, and the larger liberality—placing in the Missionary Treasury during the last three years a total surplus of \$300,000.00; and

Whereas, We recognize that among the most effective agencies in producing this added interest and liberality have been the Cleveland Missionary Convention, and the series of very successful State and Conference Conventions since held; and

Whereas, We believe that Dakota Methodism would readily respond and receive large benefits from such a Convention held in our Conference; therefore,

Resolved, First, That we respectfully request our Missionary Society, through the Open Door Commission, to organize a great educational and inspirational Missionary Convention for the Dakota Conference.

Second, We further request the Commission to furnish the Convention the best equipped Missionary Exhibit circumstances will permit, and also such liberal supplies of literature, maps, charts, and other Missionary aids as in their judgment a successful convention ought to have.

Third, That we cordially invite General Superintendents, Missionary Bishops, Secretaries, and other Missionary experts, as far as practicable, to participate in the platform work of said Conference Convention.

Fourth, That we hereby express our sympathy and satisfaction with the aggressive campaign conducted by the Open Door Commission, and assure them a helpful co-operation in the special convention work contemplated in the Dakota Conference.

Fifth, That for the organization and conduct of the Dakota Conference Missionary Convention, the Presiding Elders, District Missionary Secretaries,

and in addition one Minister and two laymen from each Presiding Elder's district, nominated by the Cabinet, with the Field Secretary of the Kansas City Division, who shall be ex-officio a member, shall constitute the Convention Executive Committee.

Dr. J. B. Trimble addressed the Conference and announced that Bro. L. R. Erskine, of Highmore, would present one hundred copies of John R. Mott's "Plea for Leadership" to the pastors of this Conference. The Conference extended its thanks to Bro. Erskine for his gift, by a rising vote.

Miss Nellie B. Prather, representative of Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, and Dr. Julius Smith addressed the Conference.

A special committee on Home Missions and Church Extension was appointed as follows: Duane Rifenbark, N. P. Johnson, I. P. Potter, A. S. Lovell, W. L. Meinzer.

Dr. T. H. Youngman—The following resolution was introduced by Thos. Nicholson:

Whereas, Rev. T. H. Youngman, D.D., an honored member of this Conference, this year completes fifty years of service in the ministry.

Resolved, That we extend to him our hearty congratulations and that we invite him at his pleasure to preach a semi-centennial sermon at the next session of the Conference or to publish a volume of his sermons during the year, and we further call the attention of our Book Concern to the fact that Dr. Youngman is a preacher of such ability, power and spiritual insight as to be worthy of consideration in their selection of preachers who are to publish volumes in the Methodist Pulpit Series.

QUESTION SEVEN—"Who Have Been Admitted into Full Membership?"—was taken up. The class for admission was called forward, the Conference joined in singing Hymn 822 and the Bishop led in prayer. After addressing the class, he asked the usual Disciplinary questions. L. R. Keckler and J. H. Kearton reported their collections, were represented by the Examiners and their Presiding Elders, and upon recommendation of the Committee on Conference Relations were admitted into Full Membership, elected to Deacon's Orders and advanced to the studies of the Third Year.

S. H. Shurtleff reported his collections, was represented by the Examiners and his Presiding Elder and upon recommendation of the Committee on Conference Relations was admitted into Full Membership and advanced to the studies of the Third Year.

A. M. Ward reported his collections, was represented by the Examiners and his Presiding Elder and upon the recommendation of the Committee on Conference Relations was admitted into Full Membership and advanced to the studies of the Fourth Year, and elected to Deacon's Orders.

John Jones reported his collections, was represented by his Presiding Elder, and upon the recommendation of the Committee on Conference Relations was admitted into Full Membership. Being an Elder he was excused from the Conference Course of Study.

Parley H. Weston and Walter S. Scott were passed in character, continued on trial in the studies of the Second Year and left without appointment to attend school.

Epworth League—The report of the Committee on the Epworth League was read and adopted.

Methodist Review—L. V. Slocumb was elected canvasser for the Methodist Review.

Special Order—The report of the Committee on Education and the annual report of the President of Dakota Wesleyan University were made a special order for 9:30 o'clock Saturday morning.

Closing—Announcements were made, and the Conference adjourned. Bishop Warren pronounced the Benediction.

FOURTH DAY

Saturday, October 21, 1905.

Opening—Dr. J. P. Brushingham led the devotional exercises. At 9 o'clock Bishop Warren took the chair.

Journal—The Minutes were read and approved.

Introductions—H. P. Magill, Secretary Methodist Mutual Insurance Co., and Dr. A. P. George, Field Agent Sunday School Union, were introduced and addressed the Conference.

Reports—The following reports were received and adopted: Commission on Aggressive Evangelism and Committee on Education were read and adopted.

Dr. J. P. Brushingham addressed the Conference.

Presentation—J. W. Taylor, on behalf of the pastors of the Aberdeen District, presented E. P. Hall, the retiring Presiding Elder, with a purse of money as a token of their appreciation. The Conference joined in singing "Blest be the Tie that Binds."

Dakota Wesleyan University—The following Trustees of Dakota Wesleyan University were elected: Gov. Samuel H. Elrod, E. P. Hall, R. N. Kratz, Hon. Frank Crane, T. R. Walker, W. G. Bickelhaupt, J. P. Jenkins, C. B. Clark, W. I. Graham. To fill vacancies, C. E. Eckert, J. O. Winner.

The report of President Thos. Nicholson of Dakota Wesleyan University was read and accepted.

The report of Visitors to Dakota Wesleyan University was read and accepted.

On behalf of the Cabinet, J. P. Jenkins presented plans for the immediate provision for the indebtedness of Dakota Wesleyan University.

Subscriptions were taken to provide for an Emergency Fund to the amount of \$3,435.

Delegate—Lachlin MacLean was appointed to convey the greetings of the Conference to the Laymen's Association in session in the Congregational Church.

Conference Minutes—Subscriptions were taken for the Conference Minutes.

QUESTION TWELVE—“What Others Have Been Elected and Ordained

Elders?"—was taken up. William Bartle and Geo. W. Austin were represented by their Presiding Elders and Examiners and elected to Local Elder's Orders.

QUESTION SEVEN—was resumed. R. E. Tarleton was passed in character, represented by the Examiners and his Presiding Elder and, after answering the Disciplinary questions, was admitted into Full Membership.

Legal Session—On motion of Geo. F. Hopkins, the Conference convened in Legal Session for the purpose of transacting corporate business. The report of the Conference Board of Trustees was received and adopted. The following named were elected Trustees for the ensuing three years: W. D. Deeble, J. S. Harkness, G. T. Notson. G. W. Rosenberry was elected for one year to fill a vacancy, after which the session adjourned.

Conference Examiners—The Bishop appointed G. D. Brown, H. S. Wilkinson, Duane Rifenbark, G. W. Rosenberry and T. H. Youngman, Members of the Board of Conference Examiners.

Insurance—Committee on Church Insurance was appointed: J. E. Norvell, A. Jamieson, O. M. Hyde.

Adjournment—Announcements were made and the Conference adjourned. Bishop Warren pronounced the Benediction.

FOURTH DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION

The Conference convened at 1:30 o'clock with Bishop Warren in the chair. After singing Hymn 820, the Bishop led in prayer.

Missionary Sermon—The Bishop appointed O. A. Phillips to preach the Missionary Sermon and S. A. Chappell as alternate.

Triers of Appeals—G. W. Rosenberry, Henry Preston, J. W. Taylor, S. A. Chappell, H. S. Wilkinson were elected Triers of Appeals.

Reports—The following committees made their reports which were adopted: Auditing Treasurer's Accounts, Permanent Conference Claimants' Fund, Other Benevolences, Hospitals, Church Literature, Insurance, Auditing Presiding Elders' Accounts, American Bible Society, Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education, Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, Conference Relief Association, Sunday Schools and Tracts, Sabbath Observance, Home Missions and Church Extension, Conference Board of Stewards, Book Accounts, Temperance, Church Extension.

The Treasurer and Statistical Secretary submitted their reports, which were adopted.

Disciplinary Collections—The total Disciplinary collections were reported as \$21,033.

Conference Funds—The Secretary of the Board of Trustees was elected Treasurer of the Permanent Conference Fund.

Report of Select Number—The Select Number in the case of J. W. Lucas submitted the following report:

We, the Committee in the case of J. W. Lucas, find that the specifications against him not being sustained, the charge is not sustained, but from the

facts presented in the case we disapprove of his conduct as unbecoming a Minister of the Gospel.

WILLIAM UNDERWOOD, President.

W. A. WILKINSON, Secretary.

Publisher—G. T. Notson was elected to edit and publish the Minutes.

Re-Affirmed—The rules for the examination of Undergraduates were re-affirmed.

Anti-Saloon League—A. E. Carhart and G. T. Notson were elected delegates to the American Anti-Saloon League.

C. E. Hager, Duane Rifenbark, G. T. Notson and A. E. Carhart were elected members of the State Anti-Saloon League.

Church Federation—The following were elected as representatives in the State Federation of Churches: Duane Rifenbark, J. O. Dobson, O. A. Phillips, C. E. Hager, H. S. Wilkinson.

QUESTION THIRTY—“*Where Shall the Next Conference be Held?*”—was taken up. Invitations were received from Brookings and Canton. The former receiving a majority of the votes was selected.

QUESTION TWENTY-TWO—“*Who Are the Supernumerary Preachers?*”—was taken up. F. C. MacDuffee, W. B. Redburn, A. E. Tanner, M. E. Nickerson, were passed in character and continued in this relation.

T. H. Youngman was granted the Superannuated relation.

R. B. Beavis, C. E. Logsdon, E. E. Simmons and D. C. McLean were granted the Supernumerary relation.

J. H. Vogt was granted the Supernumerary relation, and his case was referred to the Presiding Elder of the Huron district for investigation.

Frank Fox, B. F. Stiles and Thos. Simmons were given the effective relation.

Located—C. O. Walker and J. W. Lucas were granted a location at their own request.

QUESTION FOUR—“*Who Have Been Received on Trial?*”—was taken up. L. L. Layne, C. C. Boslaugh, H. H. Weak, L. W. Scott, H. P. Eberhart, T. K. Holliday, N. S. Sanderson, E. G. Meinzer, being duly recommended, were represented by the Examiners, their Presiding Elders and the Committee on Conference Relations and were admitted on trial.

Adjournment—It was voted that the Conference convene at the close of the Sunday evening services to hear the reading of the appointments by the Bishop.

The hour of adjournment having arrived, the Conference stood adjourned by expiration of time.

FIFTH DAY

Sunday, October 5, 1905.

The Conference convened at 9 o'clock p. m., for the reading of the appointments.

Missionary Appropriations—The Missionary Appropriations, submitted by the Presiding Elders, were read and approved.

Conference Relations—F. J. Norton was granted the Supernumerary relation at his own request.

A. Jamieson was granted the Superannuated relation.

Resolutions—The Committee on Resolutions read their report, which was adopted.

Resolutions referring to Mormonism and the Army Canteen were offered and adopted.

Nominations—Nominations of the various Boards and Standing Committees were presented by the Presiding Elders.

Adjournment—It was voted upon the reading of the Appointments the Conference stand adjourned. The Conference joined in singing Hymn 816, the Bishop led in prayer, and after addressing the Conference read the appointments for 1905-6 and the Twenty-First session of the Dakota Conference adjourned *sine die*.

HENRY W. WARREN, President.

G. T. NOTSON, Secretary.

This Certifies that in Watertown, So. Dak., October 22, 1905, I did ordain as Deacons, Leroy R. Keckler, John H. Kearton, and Arthur M. Ward.

And in the same place and on the same day, I, assisted by a number of the Elders present, did ordain as Elders, George W. Austin, Orlow M. Hyde, David E. Murray, Paul H. MacBeth, Benj. W. McEldowney, Lyndon V. Slocumb, and William A. Wilkinson.

Given under my hand this Twenty-Second day of October, A. D. 1905.

Henry W. Warren.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. Who have been Received by Transfer, and from what Conferences?

W. I. Torbert, North Dakota Conference; C. V. Gilliland and T. H. Trevithick, Upper Iowa Conference; Frank E. Boylan, Northwest Nebraska Conference; A. S. Loveall and J. H. Dimmitt, Iowa Conference; Joel A. Smith, Central Ohio Conference; J. E. Lombard, East Maine Conference; C. H. B. Seliger, Maine Conference; Paul Gardner, DesMoines Conference; O. F. Chittick, Northwest Iowa Conference; L. K. McNeill, Missouri Conference.

2. Who have been Readmitted?

None.

3. Who have been Received on Credentials, and from what Churches?

None.

4. Who have been Received on Trial?

(a) In Studies of First Year—Lawrence L. Layne, C. C. Boslaugh, Harry H. Weak, Lewis W. Scott, Harry P. Eberhart, Thomas K. Holliday, Nels S. Sanderson, Edgar G. Meinzer.

(b) In Studies of Third Year—None.

5. Who have been Continued on Trial?

(a) In Studies of First Year—None.

(b) In Studies of Second Year—Albert L. Cathers, Elmer O. Machemer, Ernest Holgate, Parley H. Weston, Walter S. Scott.

6. Who have been Discontinued?

None.

7. Who have been Admitted into Full Membership?

(a) Elected and Ordained Deacons this year—Jno. H. Kearton, Leroy R. Keckler, Arthur M. Ward.

(b) Elected and Ordained Deacons previously—Sidney H. Shurtleff, Jno. Jones, Robert E. Tarleton.

8. What Members are in Studies of Third Year?

(a) Admitted into Full Membership this year—John H. Kearton, Leroy R. Keckler, Sidney H. Shurtleff, Robert E. Tarleton.

(b) Admitted into Full Membership previously—Riley J. Van Der Voort, Hudson W. Smith, Gordon L. Granger, Chas. E. Logsdon, Benj. F. Stiles, Henry I. Farr.

9. What Members are in Studies of Fourth Year?

Allen C. McLean, James Crowther, Horace L. Hastings, Henry Preston, William Mason, Otis W. Butterfield, Arthur M. Ward, William O. Gram.

10. What Members have Completed the Conference Course of Study?

(a) Elected and Ordained Elders this year—Orlow M. Hyde, Lyndon V. Slocumb, David E. Murray, Paul H. MacBeth, Benj. W. McEldowney, William A. Wilkinson.

(b) Elected and Ordained Elders previously—John Jones.

11. What others have been Elected and Ordained Deacons?

(a) As Local Preachers—None.

(b) Under Missionary Rule—None.

(c) Under Seminary Rule—None.

12. What others have been Elected and Ordained Elders?

(a) As Local Deacons—Geo. W. Austin, William Bartle (not ordained.)

(b) Under Missionary Rule—None.

(c) Under Seminary Rule—None,

13. Was the Character of each Preacher examined?

This was strictly done in open Conference, as the name of each Preacher was called.

14. Who have been Transferred, and to what Conferences?

James C. Bigelow and William C. Ehlers, North Dakota Conference; Samuel J. Watson, California Conference; Geo. E. Webster and Norman MacLeod,

Northern New York Conference; N. A. Swickard, Iowa Conference; Walter I. Torbert, Missouri Conference.

15. Who have Died?

William H. Cory.

16. Who have been Located at their own Request?

Richard H. Dempsey, Charles O. Walker, J. W. Lucas.

17. Who have been Located?

None.

18. Who have Withdrawn?

C. H. B. Seliger, E. E. Smith.

19. Who have been permitted to Withdraw under Charges or Complaints?

Perry S. Ingersoll.

20. Who have been Expelled?

None.

21. What other personal Notation should be made?

None.

22. Who are the Supernumerary Preachers?

F. C. MacDuffee, W. B. Redburn, A. E. Tanner, M. E. Nickerson, R. B. Beavis, J. H. Vogt, E. E. Simmons, C. E. Logsdon, D. C. McLean, F. J. Norton.

23. Who are the Superannuated Preachers?

T. H. Youngman, D. W. Chamberlain, Lewis Hartsough, Thomas H. Walker, S. F. Brown, Thos. Wilkinson, William Underwood, J. G. Hall, H. M. Springer, W. O. Gram, Oliver Williams, Archibald Jamieson.

24. Who are the Triers of Appeals?

G. W. Rosenberry, Henry Preston, J. W. Taylor, H. S. Wilkinson, S. A. Chappell.

25. What is the Statistical Report for this Year?

See Statistical Tables.

26. What is the Aggregate of the Benevolent Collections ordered by the General Conference as reported by the Conference Treasurer?

\$21,033.00.

27. What are the Claims on the Conference Fund?

\$3,500.

28. What has been Received on these Claims, and how has it been Applied?

\$2,624.40. Applied on above Claims.

29. Where are the Preachers Stationed?

See Appointments.

30. Where shall the Next Conference be held?

Brookings.

APPOINTMENTS

ABERDEEN DISTRICT

1 GEO. F. HOPKINS, Presiding Elder, Aberdeen, So. Dak.

3	Aberdeen, J. W. Taylor. Andover, to be supplied.	Frankfort, to be supplied.
2	Ashton, D. S. Kerr.	4 Frederick, A. M. Ward.
2	Bath, G. Wm. Hickman, (Sup.)	2 Groton, Louis L. Lane.
3	Bowdle, L. A. McCulloch, (Sup.)	1 Hecla, N. S. Sanderson.
1	Bristol and Butler, S. T. Weaver.	1 Herried and Pollock, O. F. Chittick.
6	Britton, W. D. Deeble.	Langford, to be supplied.
1	Claremont, E. E. Dean.	2 Leola, N. S. Wilson, (Sup.)
	Columbia and Putney, to be supplied.	3 Mellette, R. E. Tarleton.
2	Conde, J. M. Hunter, (Sup.)	3 Northville, J. E. Norvell.
4	Devoe, F. L. Bromaghim,	1 Roscoe, John Bloomhall, (Sup.)
2	Doland, Lawrence L. Layne.	3 Selby and Bangor, N. P. Johnson.
		1 Warner, Wm. Wellington, (Sup.)

HURON DISTRICT

2 C. E. HAGER, Presiding Elder, Mitchell, So. Dak.

3	Alpena, P. O. Bunt.	2 Iroquois, W. E. Hartung, (Sup.)
1	Blunt, R. J. Gluckler, (Sup.)	2 Lebanon, G. W. Austin, (Sup.)
3	Burdette, A. L. Cathers.	1 Miller, O. W. Butterfield.
2	Carpenter, B. F. Stiles.	Okoboji and Onida, to be supplied.
1	Cavour, Olin Rifenbark, (Sup.)	5 Pierre, G. T. Notson.
1	Carthage, S. M. Davis, (Sup.)	1 Redfield, F. T. Krueger.
4	DeSmet, Henry Preston.	Seneca, to be supplied.
3	Faulkton, P. H. MacBeth.	1 Stanley County, R. Vernon Pike, (Sup.)
	Ft. Pierre, to be supplied.	1 Tulare, Chas. Bullock, (Sup.)
1	Gettysburg, Frank Fox.	2 Wessington, J. T. Gurney.
	Highmore, to be supplied.	2 Wessington Springs, Jas. Crowthers.
1	Hitchcock, C. C. Boslaugh.	2 Wolsey, A. B. Shepherd, (Sup.)
2	Huron, Duane Rifenbark.	

MITCHELL DISTRICT

2 J. O. DOBSON, Presiding Elder, Mitchell, So. Dak.

1	Alexandria, J. H. Dimmitt.	1 Loveville and Mussman, Thos. Simmons.
2	Armour, C. L. Fillebrown.	1 Mitchell, H. S. Wilkinson.
2	Artesian, J. C. Baker, (Sup.)	1 Mt. Vernon, A. W. Thurston.
1	Bard and Riverside, Ernest Holgate.	Parkston, to be supplied.
1	Bridgewater, H. C. Clark, (Sup.)	6 Plankinton, A. P. Janes.
1	Canistota, T. H. Hendricks, (Sup.)	Presho and Vivian, to be supplied.
1	Chamberlain, C. B. Jones, (Sup.)	4 Platte, W. A. Greene.
1	Ethan, H. H. Weak.	Reliance and Kennebeck, to be supplied.
1	Fairfax and Bonesteel, C. M. Knight, (Sup.)	2 Salem, G. D. Brown.
2	Fulton and Farmer, J. H. Kearton.	1 Scotland, Lachlin MacLean.
1	Geddes, J. E. Lombard.	1 Springfield, L. A. McDonald, [Sup.]
1	Gregory, A. J. Oliver. (Sup.)	1 Tripp and Delmont, I. P. Potter.
4	Howard, John Kaye.	4 Tyndall, E. T. Underwood, (Sup.)
1	Kimball, G. J. Corwin, [Sup.]	1 Wagner, R. N. Kratz, (Sup.)
1	LaRoche, John Wood, (Sup.)	1 White Lake, J. A. McDonald, [Sup.]
1	Letcher, O. A. Phillips.	2 Woonsocket, J. A. Smith.

SIOUX FALLS DISTRICT

5 J. P. JENKINS, Presiding Elder, Sioux Falls, So. Dak.

2	Alcester, L. V. Slocumb.	1	Hudson, H. J. Calkins, (Sup.)
1	Beresford, W. O. Redfield.	2	Hurley, W. P. Slocum.
1	Bloomingdale and Richland, L. R. Keckler.	1	Irene, Arthur Hoyer, (Sup.)
1	Canton, A. S. Loveall.	1	Junius, John Oakley, (Sup.)
2	Centerville, W. A. Wilkinson.	2	Lennox, W. E. Shugg.
2	Colman, R. J. Van Der Voort.	1	Madison, A. D. Thibadeau.
2	Colton, G. W. Prather, (Sup.)	1	Marion, C. M. Bryan, (Sup.)
1	Davis, H. C. Preston, (Sup.)	2	Montrose, H. W. Smith.
2	Dell Rapids, John Jones.	4	Parker, J. B. Dibble.
2	Egan, W. F. Minty.		Sioinx Falls:
2	Elk Point, W. B. Stewart.	2	First Church, J. O. Winner.
3	Flandreau, W. A. Cave.	1	Jordan Church, I. B. Sevy.
11	Flandreau Circenit, D. C. Arms, (Sup.)	1	Valley Springs, Wm. Bartle, (Sup.)
2	Garretson, L. W. Scott.	3	Vermillion, A. C. Shepherd.
2	Gayville, H. P. Eberhart.	1	Wakonda, L. K. McNeill.
4	Harrisburg, S. H. Shurtliff.	1	Worthing, Frank Smith, (Sup.)
1	Hartford, T. H. Trevithick.	4	Yankton, G. W. Rosenberry.

WATERTOWN DISTRICT

2 W. I. GRAHAM, Presiding Elder, Watertown, So. Dak.

2	Arlington, A. C. McLean.	2	Henry, B. W. McEldowney.
1	Big Stone City, Thos. Sanderson.		Kampeska, to be supplied.
1	Bradley, H. L. Hastings.	1	Lake Preston, E. O. Machemer.
1	Brookings, E. P. Hall.	3	Milbank, S. A. Chappell.
1	Bruce, F. C. Page, [Sup.]	2	Sisseton, F. B. Dunn.
1	Castlewood, Nels Fanebust, [Sup.]	1	Summit and Twin Brooks, E. G. Meinzer.
4	Clark, W. L. Meinzer.	1	Vienna and Willow Lakes, T. K. Holliday.
2	Clear Lake, J. T. Allen, [Sup.]	4	Watertown, W. S. Shepherd.
2	Corona and Wilmot, E. E. Saxton.	1	Waubay, Wm. Barrie, [Sup.]
1	Elkton and Aurora, C. J. Gall, [Sup.]	8	Webster, J. S. Harkness.
1	Garden City, L. W. Darling, [Sup.]	1	White, Paul Gardner.
3	Gary, H. K. Wallis.		White Rock, to be supplied.
4	Hazel, O. M. Hyde.		

Thomas Nicholson, President Dakota Wesleyan University; J. L. Seaton, C. V. Gilliland, Professors Dakota Wesleyan University; A. E. Carhart, Temperance Agent, Members Mitchell Quarterly Conference.

C. B. Clark, John Hall, Martin Thomas, F. F. Case, Wm. Mason, D. E. Murray, F. E. Boylan and E. S. Chappell, Missionaries to Black Hills.

W. S. Scott, G. L. Granger, O. E. Boyce and P. H. Weston, left without appointments to attend school.

REPORTS OF PRESIDING ELDERS

ABERDEEN DISTRICT

Each year brings its own duties, opportunities and rewards. There are many things for which to be thankful. God has been very good. There has been by far more sunshine than shadow; more joy than sorrow; more successes than defeats.

The work of the District has gone steadily forward this year. Scarcely any changes have been made in the appointments since Conference.

J. H. Vogt, who was appointed to Bath, found the work too hard for his already weakened constitution and gave it up the first Sunday after Conference. G. W. Hickman, a supernumerary of the Minnesota Conference, has filled the place acceptably for the year. A supply for Andover was secured in December, J. A. Lemery of North Dakota.

Early in June, L. W. Putnam, a supply on the Conde charge, accepted work at Hatton, Wash., expecting to join the Columbia River Conference. Prof. J. M. Hunter, a local preacher, was secured for the Conde appointment, which he has been filling with success.

Rev. E. E. Smith, who was appointed to Bristol and Butler, served that charge faithfully for three-fourths of the year and then decided to cast in his lot with the Congregationalists. With these exceptions, the charges have been served faithfully through the year by the Ministers appointed at Conference.

Material improvements have been made in many of the places. Paint and paper tastefully put on have added to the beauty and joy of worship in our religious homes. The remainder of the debt on the parsonage at Britton was paid in June and the mortgage was burned by the pastor in the presence of a large number of rejoicing people.

The church at Roscoe, the interest of whose debt amounted to nearly as much as the debt itself, was sold for \$500 and the money paid to the Church Extension Society who generously forgave the interest and were happy to get the principal. The society died out a few years ago. Now new ones moving in, an old local preacher mortgaged his farm to buy the church. The people rallied to his support and expended some \$200 in renovating the building. When the church was reopened a few weeks since by the Presiding Elder, twenty old Methodists who had been browsing around in Calvinistic pastures came home and the outlook is bright for a flourishing society that will soon repurchase the church building.

The people and pastor of Groton will soon rejoice in the payment of the \$600 parsonage debt. At Conde, a new parsonage is under way.

N. P. Johnson, of Selby, voluntarily undertook, and with a grant of \$200 from the Church Extension Society, has succeeded in paying a mortgage of over \$600 on our church at Pollock, that was about to be foreclosed, thus rescuing a good property from the hands of the Philistines. Frankfort, on the Doland charge, easily secured a subscription of \$500 and now wishes to be a separate charge with a pastor of its own.

The Sunday School work on the District has improved during the year. Certain so-called Sunday School workers of another denomination have been perniciously active in the contemptible work of proselyting.

The Epworth Leagues have done good work this year and in some places have become a powerful ally of the minister.

But one of the brethren has stooped to serve tables and trodden God's commission in the market place. The ministers have been faithful and self sacrificing. In the eager haste for material things, in the rush and scramble after land, men of the earth have become more earthly and, wanting the earth, have ceased in that degree to seek the heavenly, and to avoid future contingencies have put their religion in their wife's name. Yet in the midst of this hungering after the flesh pots of Egypt these men with whom we have been privileged to labor have not ceased to call in the name of God their people up to a higher moral standard of integrity and worth.

Death, "that comes when it will come," came to the home of Bro. Johnson of Selby and the little child, that had but touched the long stream of time, passed beyond our vision. Also the son of Father Brown, a superannuated Minister of this Conference, passed away during the year.

The benevolent collections, that have steadily increased for five years, will be larger than ever this year.

Finally, brethren, that which is of the most importance has not been neglected. There is no excuse for our existence as a church unless souls are saved and believers edified. During the summer a union tent meeting was held in Aberdeen with good results. Some eighty persons professed conversion. At the east appointment on the Langford charge some twenty-five were converted, and while but two of this number joined our church, being Lutherans to begin with, yet the work remains and the whole neighborhood felt the gracious power of the Spirit. This is the overflow of Methodism, without which other churches would have been plucked up root and branch long ago. A tent meeting at Selby in July resulted in thirty accessions to the church. We felt like crying, "To your tents, O Isreal."

A revival meeting at Groton led by the pastor was productive of much good. A number of conversions resulted from meetings in Frederick. At Northville some six or eight weeks, meetings were held with the Wesleyan brethren. The Conde church was led into a much higher spiritual condition than had been known in its history in the meetings held during the winter, and the church at Bristol has had an increase of its membership of about one-third.

Fortune, the fickle dame, has smiled upon our people most of the time for six years. The number of parsonages has been doubled in six years and their valuation multiplied by three and a half. The salaries have increased from \$8000 to \$14000, while the benevolent collections have nearly doubled.

I have no tale of hardship to bring of labor or suffering. For six years I have met both in Ministers and laymen a royal manhood and womanhood whose kindness and friendship I shall ever prize. No facts or figures can set forth the labors and achievements of the preachers of the Aberdeen district. That which they have given cannot be counted in dollars and cents. Their very lives have been wrought into their work for good.

Material results seem sometimes to overshadow the spiritual; but beyond all visible results of the year's work and of infinitely more value to us, to the Church and to the world, is that living Christian faith and spiritual life which is overcoming evil with good and moving on to certain victory.

E. P. HALL, Presiding Elder.

HURON DISTRICT

The Huron District comprises the heart of the state. Our young Capital is located within its bounds. We report twenty-four charges and hope to make it twenty-five next year. Four of these appointments are entirely off the railroads and are extensive circuits. Every point has been manned for at least a part of the year.

The Ministers.—There has not been a shirk or a disloyal spirit in the whole two dozen. A large per cent of them are efficient workers and the remainder are growing into greater usefulness. Several of our younger men propose to take advanced work in some of our higher schools of learning. It does not take long for any wide awake Minister to learn that our bright, enterprising people need and demand intelligent leadership, and we are training and developing a class of young men whose purpose is to secure the best preparation for the work demanded here.

The People.—Our laymen have established an enviable reputation for themselves on more than one line. They are a broad-minded, generous, enterprising class of men and women. Our laymen are able and willing to meet the legitimate financial demands made upon them. The indications of a change for the better in the spiritual life of the church are not lacking. In many places they are saying "We must have a revival." We want a better type of religion on Huron District. We are more concerned about the grade of life in our churches than numbers.

We have sought diligently to have a revival on every charge, and salvation in every professedly Christian home at least. At Huron, Pierre, Redfield, St. Lawrence, Wessington Springs, Alpena, DeSmet and Faulkton precious results have been realized from well directed efforts to save men. I am glad to say that conversions were reported at other points, the showing I trust will be encouraging. We must undertake this glorious mission of soul winning in more desperate and tremendous earnestness to win signal triumphs in South Dakota.

We have undertaken to build up our Epworth and Junior Leagues, and have met with much encouragement. Our membership has been increased, and our Leagues have entered into richer experience. The Sunday evening

meetings with many Leagues have been deeply devotional. Our District League Convention, held at Huron, was in every way one of the best ever held in the state. Several of our Junior Leagues are among the first in membership in the Conference. Our Junior League at Gettysburg, numbering 75 members, surpasses any I have ever visited in the West. This is one of the most important and most encouraging departments of the church.

We have been deeply concerned about our Sunday School work. Have introduced into nearly every school our own literature; have sought diligently for Christian teachers, yet the outcome of this year's work has been disappointing. My fear is, that our Sunday School workers lack great definite aims. Three things should be ever before the superintendent and his corps of teachers: Thoro training of the pupils in the word of God, enlistment of the young people in the World's Missionary Campaign,—and I would to this end place Dr. Goucher's leaflet in the hands of the teachers—third, and most important of all, the clear conversion of the last member of the school.

We have aimed to secure a devotional spirit in our Ladies' Aid Societies, and here the results have been most gratifying. My observation leads me to believe that nothing wiser was done at the last session of the General Conference than the introduction of the President of the Ladies' Aid into the Quarterly Conference membership. Through this organization, we are adding beautiful womanhood to our church membership. It would much increase our joy in the work could we have a W. F. M. S. on every charge. I am pleased to say we have advanced toward that end this year.

We have made war on church debts and have overwhelmingly defeated some of them. Notably at Faulkton, St. Lawrence, Wessington Springs and Redfield. Faulkton undertook the task of raising an old and mammoth \$1,900 debt, that had defeated every attempt in that direction for years. Pastor MacBeth, blind to all difficulties, summoned his officials together and announced that the thing was to be done, and not so much as a shadow of it can be found anywhere.

St. Lawrence, on the Miller charge, has paid its entire debt; Redfield has reduced its debt to a large extent, and Wessington Springs has paid many hundred dollars on the indebtedness there. Alpena has transformed its church into a beautiful structure, built a fine new barn, improved its parsonage, at a total cost of about \$1,200. Huron has undertaken the building of an exceptionally commodious and attractive parsonage, which is well on toward completion, and extensive improvements have been made in and around the church. The entire cost will exceed \$4,000. Virgil has secured subscriptions, and just let the contract for a new \$2,000 church.

Other small debts have been paid, and improvements in church property made.

The campaign in the interest of Memorial Hall has been pushed with a fair degree of success. Dakota Wesleyan has a large place in the hearts of our people, as is indicated by their attitude toward it, and the students they send.

I believe we have paid more than any other District outside of Mitchell toward the Woman's Professorship. Our benevolences have been faithfully looked after on most charges, but some pastors have failed and that brings us

below our apportionment on some things. The case of Wessington Springs is exceptional—\$500 was raised there for missions and all other claims fully met. Without exception, when our officials have been asked to surrender the Missionary moneys apportioned to them when it was under \$100 they have cheerfully made the concession without loss to the pastor.

Our new work across the Big River deserves brief mention. We have a pastor in Stanley county, Bro. R. V. Pike. The writer visited that field a few days ago and conducted the first Sacramental service ever held in Stanley county. This is indeed a great field. Stanley county is 110 miles long by 75 miles in width. The extreme points served by our preacher are 50 miles apart. We are now preaching in five places, and have one class of 16 members organized. The Northwestern is pushing its line to the Hills through this county, and numerous settlers will claim those regions before many months. I learn that all available claims are taken for 80 miles west of Pierre. We must be there to care for the on-coming multitudes. It will be of interest to you to know that the people are so anxious to hear the Gospel that they will come from 12 to 16 miles to the services.

Finally, we come to you, brethren, very grateful to our Heavenly father for the blessings of the year. But one of our number has crossed the Great Divide, a sweet little boy from the home of Brother and Sister Cathers. Some have suffered severe illness, our Sister Hartung coming near to the Gates of Death, but her life has been spared, and she is with us at this session of the Conference. Our farmers and merchants have been prosperous, and our churches have made substantial progress. We find ourselves at the close of the year in the midst of a white harvest and under Divine favor we hope to glean many sheaves for the Master in the days near at hand.

C. E. HAGER, Presiding Elder.

MITCHELL DISTRICT

It is with mingled feelings of misgiving and thankfulness that I appear before you today to make my first annual report for the Mitchell District. There is so very much to be done in fields already white to the harvest and so little gathered in during the year that one's heart sinks down at the contemplation; but when we reflect that some progress has been made on nearly every charge, we thank God, take courage and go ahead, for larger ingathering and a more glorious day. We are setting our faces on the Mitchell District toward Pentecost, believing that salvation must come that way. Contact with power is the key to Dakota's redemption.

Our Conference School.—Dakota Wesleyan University is a school of which every Methodist may well be proud and for which we all may be truly thankful. A noble Christian college, presided over by a faculty of Christian ladies and gentlemen of high scholarly attainments—it is winning a very enviable reputation as is shown by the fact that it has the largest and we think the finest student body in the state.

Dakota Wesleyan University has entered upon a great career. Its plans

for the future are large, but we believe they have been mapped out by the hand of an educational seer; and in the good success already attained we see the Lord's earnerst of the glorious things that are in store for our aspiring institution. But there is one thing that the Methodists of South Dakota ought to do at once for their institution. They ought to free it of debt before January 1, 1906. If each charge would raise \$100 on the average, this could be done; and if the preachers and presiding elders will rise up and say it shall be done, it will be done, and the college will then be free to press forward in as noble a career as ever opened before an institution of learning. Why can we not have a two months' campaign on every charge and make the college a Christmas present of \$10,000.00? This would be the biggest and the best thing ever done by South Dakota Methodism. We have come to the foot of the grade,—South Dakota is looking on. Will we climb it? By the help of God, we can do this very thing. Will we do it? This need not interfere with our evangelistic campaigns. The more salvation we have the easier it will be to get the money and the more money we get for the Lord's work, the more and the greater will be the outpouring from on High. The time has come for action.

The Charges.—Mitchell has had another great year. Received on probation 60; by letter 81; present membership 550, probationers 43. Educational collection \$750; Missions \$650; W. F. M. S. \$391; Total \$2041. A new and much larger church planned for, costing upwards of \$25,000.

Alexandria, \$400 for missions; sixteen students in D. W. U.; one young man called to be a missionary and two to the ministry. A high state of spirituality. Bro. Chappell removes to Hot Springs for health reasons.

Artesian, a good year, many conversions, faithful service rendered. Pastor's return desired.

Armour has had a broken year. Bro. Webster transferred to New York and for the past six months C. L. Fillebrown has done acceptable service.

Bard and Riverside have been faithfully served, special revival efforts made and good accomplished. Bridgewater has enjoyed a year of peace and some prosperity. Canistota, indebtedness has been diminished, and membership strengthened and a good atmosphere maintained.

Chamberlain has been self-supporting for the first time in its history. The year has been a trying one but Methodism has held its own in spite of strong competition.

La Roche has been supplied by Ex-State Senator J. H. Close, one of our strong local preachers, whom we would gladly see remain in the regular work.

Delmont has enjoyed a prosperous year. The membership largely increased, old difficulties removed and a new church built at Wagner—a real triumph. Dudley circuit has been served by Wm. Mason, who takes work in the Black Hills Mission.

Fairfax and Bonesteel circuit has had a somewhat unfortunate year. Removals and death seriously weakened the Fairfax church. Late in the year Bonesteel was entered by our Rosebud missionary and a hopeful work opened. Rev. S. H. Montgomert in two and one-half months succeeded in organizing churches at Gregory, Carlock and Herrick in the Rosebud territory. Under the leadership of I. P. Potter, our faithful missionary to Lyman county, some

sixteen preaching places have been opened and three permanent circuits established. This is a promising field.

Fulton and Farmer have enjoyed genuine growth along all lines. Nearly \$3 per member for missions. Geddes was well served for a time by Norman McLeod who transferred to Northern New York. For the past three months Rev. J. E. Lombard, a transfer from East Maine Conference, has served the charge. Indebtedness to the amount of \$1,250 has been paid, \$150 expended in heavy furniture and the pastor's salary raised to \$1000.

Howard is on the up-grade, spiritual interest is increasing, revival spirit manifest, all lines of work faithfully done. Mt. Vernon has enjoyed a good two years' pastorate. Bro. L. MacLean leaves his mark on the charge in the shape of a fine parsonage, with many other improvements, both temporal and spiritual. A new appointment has been added to this charge.

After the departure of S. E. Boselly, Kimball was served by C. Boyd Jones from Maryland. Letcher has had a reasonably good year. W. S. Scott will attend school next year.

Parkston and Ethan after the resignation of James Crowther, were served by H. H. Weak until June 12, when C. M. Knight was given Parkston. Both men have done splendid service. Ethan raised \$4.40 per member for missions; improvements \$200. Parkston improved its church edifice \$100.

Plankinton has been ably served, with telling effect upon the life of the community. The pastor's return is desired for the sixth year. In Platte we have a strong, live, growing church, pervaded by a beautiful atmosphere of Christian love and grace.

Cords have been lengthened and stakes strengthened for the enlarged life of the church at Salem. \$1.70 per member for missions. Good, safe, strong work has been done at Scotland. \$1.60 per member for missions. Springfield has enjoyed a good year. Faithful work has been done and desirable spiritual and temporal results have been accomplished.

Tyndall is distinguished among all the charges of the district by the erection of a \$6,700 church. Great credit due pastor and people. The Tripp charge has had an unfortunate year. For six months past it has been faithfully served by Bro. R. N. Kratz. White Lake has been well served by Bro. C. E. Logsdon who on account of health reasons asks for a supernumerary relation.

Woonsocket, a large increase in membership, a splendid benevolent report, substantial improvements on the property, and a beloved daughter of the pastor dedicated to the missionary service. The little country circuit, Bever and Fairview, has been acceptably served.

Finally, the crying need of the District is more power from on High. One great practical proposition is the grafting of every tender scion into the vine. This will give us a glorious church in the years to come. It is the only way in which the world's redemption can be accomplished.

J. O. DOBSON, Presiding Elder.

SIOUX FALLS DISTRICT

The year now passing into history has been a gracious one for the Sioux Falls District, in general temporal prosperity. It has been a year of peace and harmony among the churches and a period of marked merciful preservation among the families of our Ministers.

The first item of note, chronologically, is the reopening and rededicating of our property at Yankton, October 30. President Thomas Nicholson preached and managed the finances. The entire debt was provided for, seekers were at the altar and the glory of the Lord filled the house. On Sunday, December 18, occurred the reopening of our church building at Hartford. Thirteen hundred dollars' worth of improvements had been made and on dedication day the needed balance was cheerfully raised. A cozy little cottage has been purchased at Colton for the pastor's home, costing \$850.

Minor improvements as follows: On church buildings: Exterior painting at Irene, Valley Springs, Egan and Elk Point; interior decoration at Montrose, Davis, Dell Rapids and at Wellman. On parsonages there have been interior improvements at Montrose, Sioux Falls First Church, Egan, Colman and Lennox and external improvements at Elk Point.

The following changes from the printed list of appointments should be noted: J. C. Bigelow was transferred to the North Dakota Conference and W. I. Torbert, from the same Conference, was transferred to us and stationed at Wakonda. Wm. Bartle has supplied Irene during the year. G. C. Walker, supply, served the Marion charge until March, when he was succeeded by F. N. Churchill. Bro. Churchill concluded his labors there September 25. Bro. J. B. Dibble of Parker is always the faithful substitute at this point during the too frequent periods between pastors. W. E. Shugg, Lennox, has been preaching also at Davis since early in August, when J. W. Lucas resigned his work and went to Minnesota.

At the recent session of the Iowa Conference, N. A. Swickard was transferred to that body and A. S. Loveall of the same Conference was transferred to us and appointed to Canton.

Some excellent revivals have been reported during the year, among which should be named Pleasant Valley, Richland, Centerville Colman, Colton, Gayville, Hartford, Spring Valley, Lennox, Clear Lake, Parker, Vermillion, Wakonda and Yankton. Union meetings were held at Dell Rapids, Madison, Sioux Falls and Valley Springs. Evangelists were employed in six of the meetings enumerated. Tent meetings have been held at Benclare and at Wakonda. At Elk Point, also at Worthing, the pastors have conducted Sunday evening street meetings with encouraging attendance and we hope good results.

I do sincerely hope for and recommend an Aggressive Evangelistic Forward Movement throughout the district during the coming year. Oh, that this might be not merely in creed or languid hope, but in actual experience, in prayer and preaching and personal work, the paramount issue in this new auspicious year!

The District Missionary Campaign should receive more than passing notice. It followed the great Dakota-Northwest Iowa Missionary Convention

to which this district sent 65 delegates, who returned fired anew or for the first time with missionary enthusiasm. A plan of campaign was inaugurated which began early in April and continued parts of three weeks. The district was divided into six convenient groups of five and six charges each, and each preaching place on each charge was visited by two or three speakers. Printed plans were published by each group chairman and were circulated freely. Services on each charge began on Sunday when the pulpits were supplied by visiting pastors, also by other visiting speakers on Monday and Tuesday evenings. The brethren wrought faithfully and well. They prepared strong, new, up-to-date addresses, and went wherever sent in true Methodist loyalty. It was a lively time and our Missionary collection is \$800 larger than last year, as a result of it. The Presiding Elder spoke twenty-nine times on missions during the campaign.

Profitable district meetings were held in the fall and spring as usual. The spring meeting was the third annual union with the Mitchell district. District Secretary Dr. J. B. Trimble, and Dr. W. A. Mains of Foo-Chow, China, were with us.

By unanimous action of the Quarterly Conference of this district, the Presiding Elder will call a real disciplinary District Conference the coming year.

We have two Deaconesses in this district both of whom will appear before the Conference Board of Deaconesses this year, duly recommended, asking for licenses. I am sure our work can but be strengthened by the consecrated labors of these elect women, Sisters Neyhart and Tanzy.

The Canton Epworth Assembly under the able management of Superintendent N. A. Swickard had a most successful season this year. Despite unfavorable weather and floods, the interest was deep and enthusiastic, the attendance excellent, and the treasurer's surplus about \$400. The District Epworth League Convention was held at the same time and place, and the convention and institute work were pronounced helpful. Several group Epworth League rallies have been held and have proven profitable. These should be multiplied. There is great need of a general toning up in the religious meetings of our chapters. I am glad to note that a few Leagues maintain a Bible Study or a Mission Study class or both. There are at present thirty-two chapters in the district.

Our Junior Leagues are doing excellent work in most cases. We have eighteen chapters, three of which are new this year. Some are thoroughly organized and doing creditable work in all departments.

One new Methodist Sabbath School has been organized, making fifty-one for the district. Forty-eight of these are using our own excellent literature, while, alas, but twenty-eight are yet organized into Missionary Societies!

I believe the statistics will show some improvement in the scale of ministerial support this year, and for the most part well paid up. Partly because of meagre support, I have been obliged to make several student appointments, these however, in cases where charges have been weakened and impoverished by removals.

I wish to record my highest appreciation of the universal faithfulness of the brethren to their great responsibilities.

With thankfulness for victories and ceaseless praise for opportunities, this report is respectfully submitted.

J. P. JENKINS, Presiding Elder.

WATERTOWN DISTRICT

In this first report, due recognition of the effective service of my immediate predecessor is cheerfully given. If universal esteem evidences success, then was he successful. There is one district with one term, at least, where the office of Presiding Elder is not considered a superfluity. If Bro. Rifenbark escapes the woe of the gospel, it will be because some little fellow in some obscure place may not have commended everything he did. It does seem that all men speak well of him.

The appointments made at last Conference remained intact for the entire year. Soon after Conference, N. S. Sanderson was secured for Aurora and Elkton, left to be supplied. Half the year had elapsed before T. K. Holliday was appointed to Vienna, left to be supplied. Both these brethren have been busy here and there, trying to shepherd the little flocks.

Of the pastors and their families it may be said, good health, as a rule, has prevailed; some sickness, but not serious; death has claimed none, but infant voices, crying in the night, have been heard anew in five parsonage homes.

This district lies in the northeast part of the Conference, contains six whole counties and parts of three more. Five systems of railroads traverse this territory. There are twenty-five pastoral charges and forty-nine preaching points. All stations and heads of circuits are on railroads. Among the charges are eight county seats. Longest trip to make an appointment and return, 280 miles; longest time for a trip, five days; longest drive on Sunday to make out appointments, 37 miles. There are twenty-five pastors. Twenty-one have each one wife and four have not even one. These men have done good work. Judged by any standard they will not scale the same. Some excel on the material side and make good showings in statistics. Others are more effective in pulpit ministrations, others have rich fruitage in conversion of sinners. Some are all round and have good success in all lines of pastoral labor. Would there were more of these, but since their number is limited, those less successful are indispensable.

The chief work of the church is to build up believers and save sinners. The interest in evangelistic effort has grown during the year, special revival services being held at Arlington, Bruce, Big Stone, Bradley, Castlewood, Clear Lake, Wilmot, Garden City, Gary, Hazel, Henry, Watertown, Lake Preston, Milbank, Sisseton, Webster, White, White Rock. These meetings all did good, resulting in conversions, varying from a few to a hundred or more. Many believers were enriched in their experience and others entered into the experience of perfect love. White Rock had the greatest number of conversions and one hundred accessions to the church. 100 conversions on

White charge; 40 on Garden City; 40 on Hazel; 35 at Milbank; 43 at Webster. A better day has dawned on Castlewood. A tent meeting was held in July with Bro. Isaac and Henry sisters in charge, 38 conversions. This charge should be well cared for and a strong church can be developed in this county seat.

On improvements and repairs, only a few instances are given. A new bell at Bruce and Hazel, new pews in church at Bradley, cement sidewalks and parsonage repainted at Clear Lake, painting and decorating the interior of the church at Watertown. Much needed repairs and improvements made on church at White Rock.

Some Success in Building.—Brookings dedicated a \$20,000 church, December 18, 1904, the best church in the Conference. No doubt you will be invited to hold your next session in this new church. Brookings has raised for all purposes more than \$11,000 during the year.

The Fourth Quarterly Conference of Garden City decided to displace the present church building with a new one, costing not less than \$4,000, with modern conveniences. As a result of a gracious revival at Bailey's Lake on Garden City Circuit, a new church will be erected. Peever on the Sisseton charge has bought lots and ordered the material for a new church. A well planned, ten room parsonage, with all modern conveniences, is the new home of the pastor at Watertown. A new church at Elrod on Henry charge is in course of erection. Allen and Teare, two points on White Rock charge, have joined forces, bought lots and will build a new church. The parsonage at Gary was completed early in the year and remains a suggestive object lesson for the present pastor. Clark has secured an excellent home for their Preacher. Some payments have been made on church debts.

The various benevolent enterprises of the church have had fair attention. Some charges will have small reports for even small charges. Most of the charges will make excellent reports. It is proper to make mention of the faithful and effective service of the Ladies' Aid Society. The best financial report was made by the Brookings Ladies' Aid, some seven hundred dollars. Clear Lake and Milbank made excellent showings.

Personally, the year has been most pleasant. My health was never better. Failed to meet one preaching service on account of storm. Have averaged about five days per week out on the field. Have not been absent from the district a single Sabbath. Held all the quarterly conferences but two. The brethren have been good, no complaints touching conduct or character have needed attention. The universal kindness and co-operation of the pastors and laymen have made the service of the year a delight. Providence has dealt gently with the youngest and least of the Presiding Elders. So much of retrospect. Indulge a brief statement of prospect for the coming year. Several churches will be built. An earnest effort will be made to vitalize the Epworth League Chapters and make them more effective in the aggressive work of the church. The field white to the harvest is the Sabbath School. The growing interest in the spiritual culture of the children gives promise of a more constant supply of active membership in the church. It will be expected of the Presiding Elder of this district to accomplish some greater results in the organization, efficiency, spiritual life and evangelism in the Sab-

bath Schools. Every pastor is planning for special revival services early in the year.

Brethren, the only and greatest need is to let God have His will and way in and through us. This will make the church clear as the sun, fair as the morn and terrible as an army with banners. Your brother throws down the challenge for the greatest year of our Conference.

W. I. GRAHAM, Presiding Elder.

REPORT OF DAKOTA WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY

We are glad to report a most prosperous year. The net enrollment of the students for the college year 1904-5 was 463, an increase of thirty-four per cent. over the previous year. At your Conference session last year we reported an enrollment at that date for the fall term of 270; we are able to report 382, an increase of 112 over last year at this time, and not only is the general increase about 40 per cent., but the increase in the students in the four college classes, which after all is the best test of the growth of a college, is about 50 per cent. It would take too much of your time to represent the various additions to the faculty. In all there are twenty-two teachers at this date. We may say without any fear of boasting that no college west of Chicago shows a stronger, more practical, or really able faculty at the present hour than your Conference college. We are open to any inspection on this line without fear of a judgment to our disadvantage by unprejudiced parties. You may send your young people with the clear confidence that they will get as good as can be had in the way of instruction and of helpful moral and religious influence at Dakota Wesleyan.

There was a gratifying increase in the Conference collections last year, though they still fell \$1700 short of the apportionment. As we have no endowment, it is of the greatest importance that this fifty cents per member should be raised in full everywhere possible. We were able to pay all expenses last year, and have a slight balance in the treasury. But there was a deficit of \$3400 from the years before, so that the Conference collection just evened this up. Your collection this fall will be needed to pay up for the past year. We hope soon to be able to reach the point where the collection received at the Conference will be in the nature of cash in hand, for the expenses of the coming year, and this is possible if every dollar of the collection is raised. The Board of Trustees, as at present constituted, is a most representative body of men, and is commanding the confidence of the people in the state and outside of the state. The religious interest has been pronounced. More than one hundred students professed conversion during the past year, and several have united with the church since the opening of this college year in response to the urgent invitation given. At the first college service of the year fully 90 per cent. of the students responded to the plea of the president to lead a religious life for this year, and many of these were students not openly Christian heretofore.

The library has been greatly increased by the addition of valuable books.

The science equipment has been more than trebled. The college buildings have been improved and beautified; the conveniences for the teachers have been multiplied. The music department has had five additional pianos purchased and paid for, with the exception of one which is being paid on the installment plan. A new well has been placed in the boiler house, which not only gives a more ample supply of water, but affords additional fire protection and excellent drinking water, and many other things have been done which indicate progress.

We call attention to the summer school. It is intended to make this one of the great features of the institution. We briefly emphasize the following: *First*, the teaching will be fully equal to that during the year, and all arrangements of the regular college session will be available for the summer session. It will be so adjusted that a full half year's work may be done between April 1st and August 1st. *Second*, lectures and outside advantages of that sort will be amply provided. *Third*, full courses of study will be outlined in the new edition of the catalogue to be issued Nov. 1st. *Fourth*, one feature of this summer school will be a recognition of the loyalty and service of the pastors, who more than other men have helped to achieve the splendid results of the year. As a recognition of this service, special courses will be provided in two sections of three weeks each. Each three weeks will be complete in itself; there will be for regular probationers or pastors in the Conference no tuition or incidental fee excepting \$1.00. Board will be furnished to members of the Conference who may come, at actual cost of about \$2.00 per week. We shall aim to find rooms at the very lowest possible rate, so that the ministers who can arrange to leave their charges for three weeks will be able to spend this time in study at the University for a total expense of not more than \$10.00 or \$15.00. The courses will include Bible Study, History, Political Science, and other work of that sort especially adapted to preachers, as well as a series of lectures of special interest to pastors. A full outline of this work will be sent each pastor soon after January first.

The University has suffered the loss by death of one of its trustees, Mr. L. H. Clyborne of Mound City. He was a good man, liberal in his spirit and devoted to the University. During the year two members of the board have tendered their resignations by reason of their transfer to other Conferences, Dr. W. H. Jordan and Dr. N. A. Swickard. Both of these brothers have given long and faithful service to the college and are deserving of our heartiest thanks.

The President recently visited the Black Hills mission and presented the interests of the University. He was most cordially received and in view of the railroads now building across the central part of the state they carried out a plan to which they have for a number of years been committed, namely, that of adopting the Dakota Wesleyan University as their college whenever those railroad extensions were assured. The report of the Committee on Education recommending this action at this time was unanimously and cordially adopted and by this action the institution at Mitchell becomes the sole college of Methodism for the whole state of South Dakota with its 76,000 square miles. It gives us a superb opportunity, but it puts upon the management of Dakota Wesleyan and upon its friends, an almost appalling responsibility.

We shall put our requests in very brief form. We hope for the splendid loyalty of the past to continue during the coming year. Then we hope that it may be the pride of every minister and layman to raise in full the fifty cents per member for the general expense collection. We wish the watch-word of the Conference might be, "No blanks, and no deficiency in this collection." We further request the hearty co-operation of the pastor whose charge has not raised in full the \$2.00 per member for Memorial Hall, and urge him to make a strenuous effort to bring up the deficiency in this fund. There are many charges having from eight to twenty students, largely as the result of the efforts of pastor and laymen in those towns. We hope this example will become contagious, and that there will be a healthful rivalry among the charges as to which can have the largest representation at the University. We further invite the hearty co-operation of pastors and laymen in each charge in securing larger sums from individual men who may be visited by the president or the college secretary. We fear that after every effort has been made on the \$2.00 plan, and these personal solicitations have been made, we shall still lack, as stated in Dr. Dobson's report, nearly \$10,000 for Memorial Hall, the heating plant, the sewerage system, and these other improvements. This grows out of the fact that few of the charges have raised their two dollars a member. While some have more than met their apportionment, the majority have fallen short. The agent has toiled faithfully and continuously, but still we lack \$15,000. There are twenty charges on which this last campaign has not been made. These include some of our largest and wealthiest charges, where pressing local interests have kept us out of the field.

We have raised nearly nine thousand dollars and money has been saved on some items, such as the sewerage, so that we ask for \$10,000 less than last year, though only a little less than \$9,000 has been raised. The interest is now \$3,000 a year, so that we should act quickly. At the rate of accomplishment the last year, the remaining twenty charges would not add quite \$5,000 of this amount and we should conclude the canvass at least \$10,000 short.

We append the following brief statement of the Memorial Hall subscription:

Total Indebtedness for Memorial Hall furnishings, sewerage, lighting, et cetera, as per itemized list submitted	\$39,680 00
Subscriptions and notes to Oct. 1st	\$20,329 55
Cash on hand	587 56
Total	\$20,917 11
Deduct for doubtful subscriptions	\$1,517 00
Balance provided for	19,400 11
The city of Mitchell pledges	5,000 00
Yet to be collected on the Trustee pledge	1,000 00
Making an amount considered provided for of	\$25,400 11
Leaving a total deficiency of	\$14,279 89
This includes provision for accruing interest to June 1, 1906.	Whatever

notes run longer than this will call for added interest payments and this estimate does not provide for shrinkage in present or future subscriptions.

Due recognition is here made of the services of C. V. Gilliland, J. P. Jenkins, J. O. Dobson, H. G. Tilton, L. MacLean, and others of the Presiding Elders in most excellent assistance as field agents. (This was elaborated and is here merely mentioned.)

Again thanking the Conference for its cordial personal sympathy and its kindly consideration.

Respectfully submitted in behalf of the trustees,
THOMAS NICHOLSON, President.

CENTURY MEMORIAL HALL FUND.

A good deal of money in small amounts was paid in during the Conference session, and a considerable number of similar sums have come in since. It is practically impossible to make an accurate report of everything to date in time for the Conference minutes. We therefore append here a report of the sums subscribed up to the date of the beginning of the Conference session, and leaving out the statement of sums paid. As soon as the canvass is completed, a full statement of all sums subscribed since the Conference of 1904 and the payments made to January first, 1906, will be sent in typewritten form to each pastor, to be read at his quarterly conference or posted in the vestibule of his church. A full statement, first, of all the amounts subscribed and paid in since Conference, 1904, and the further statement of all amounts subscribed and all the amounts paid from the beginning up to October first, 1906, will be prepared and printed in the next annual minutes. In the minutes following, a supplemental statement can be made of the amounts paid after. We found it impossible to make the statement to include money paid in at the Conference, and yet have it ready for the annual minutes. These amounts are on the two dollar a member proposition or have all been subscribed during the Conference year 1904-5.

ABERDEEN DISTRICT

Charge.	Subscription.	Charge.	Subscription
*Aberdeen	\$120 00	*Groton	
Andover	200 00	Hecla	50 00
Ashton	112 00	Langford	48 00
Bath and Columbia	30 00	Leola	100 00
*Bowdle		Mellette	100 00
Bristol	47 00	Mound City and Herreid	
Britton	155 00	Northville	
Clairemont	25 00	Selby	
*Conde		Warner	
*Devoe		Total	\$1007 00
Doland and Frankfort	95 00		
Frederick	25 00		

HURON DISTRICT

Charge.	Subscribed.	Charge.	Subscribed.
*Alpena	\$	Lebanon	
Blunt		Miller	146 00
Burdette	10 00	Okoboji	
Cavour		Onida	
DeSmet	60 00	Pierre	630 00
Forest City		Redfield	25 00

TWENTY-FIRST SESSION

Faulkton.....	125 00	*Wessington Springs	
*Gettysburg.....		Wolsey.....	77 50
Highmore	10 00	Wessington.....	70 00
Huron	60 00	Winthrop	
Hitchcock and Tulare	265 00		
Iroquois.....	210 00	Total.....	\$1688 50

MITCHELL DISTRICT

Charge.	Subscribed.	Charge.	Subscribed.
Armour	\$35 00	*Mt. Vernon	
Alexandria	38 50	†Mitchell	
Artesian	205 00	Plankinton	57 00
Bard and Riverside		Platte	266 00
Beaver	10 00	Springfield	105 00
Bridgewater	26 00	Salem	155 00
Chamberlain	25 00	Scotland	237 50
Canistota	85 00	Tyndall	
Delmont	1 00	Tripp	
Ethan and Parkston	101 50	Woonsocket	16 00
Fulton and Farmer	212 00	White Lake	15 00
Geddes	52 00		
Howard	140 00	Total.....	\$1852 50
Kimball		†Mitchell has pledged \$5000.00, but the can-	
Letcher	15 00	vass is not yet completed.	
LeRoche	55 00		

SIOUX FALLS DISTRICT

Charge.	Subscribed.	Charge.	Subscribed.
Alcester	\$	Hudson	
Beresford		Lennox and Davis	10 00
Centerville	245 00	Lodi	
Colman	132 00	Madison	100 00
Canton	413 00	Montrose	61 00
Colton	85 00	Parker	145 00
Dell Rapids	61 75	*Sioux Falls	
Egan	35 75	Valley Springs	77 06
Elk Point		Vermillion	621 00
Flandreau	32 50	Worthing	50 00
Garretson		Wakonda	10 00
Gayville	25 00	*Yankton	
Hurley	5 00		
Hartford		Total.....	\$2130 06
Harrisburg	21 00		

WATERTOWN DISTRICT

Charge	Subscribed	Charge	Subscribed
Arlington	\$290 00	Kampeska	140 50
Aurora and Elkton		Lake Preston	2 00
Big Stone		Milbank	160 00
Bradley	8 00	Sisseton	90 00
Bristol	47 00	Summit	
*Brookings		*Watertown	
Bruce	2 50	Waubay	86 00
Castlewood		Webster	10 00
Clark	77 50	White	69 00
Clear Lake		Willow Lakes	
Garden City	250 00	Wilmot and Corona	122 00
Gary		White Rock	
Hazel	64 50		
Henry	77 00	Total.....	\$1446 00

Total, \$8124.06.

* Not yet canvassed.

This report was prepared by Rev. C. V. Gilliland. All money and correspondence should be sent to the undersigned at Mitchell.

THOMAS NICHOLSON, President.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

EDUCATION

We note with pleasure the growth of our educational institutions, and the increased emphasis placed upon post-graduate and extension courses.

We most heartily commend the work for higher Christian education which is being accomplished by the Board of Education, and especially approve the emphasis which is being laid upon the Christian ideals, and urge that Children's Day be observed and a collection taken in every charge. Sixteen students were assisted at Mitchell last year to the extent of \$980, while our contribution to this fund was only \$470.

We earnestly commend all our Christian institutions to our people of means. The Christian college was never more of a necessity. Its work is essential, not only to our own church, but to the very perpetuity of our republic.

We note the enlarged usefulness and efficiency of Garrett Biblical Institute, as a suitable place for our young men to prepare themselves for the ministry.

Dakota Wesleyan University has made a creditable record under its efficient president. Its enlarged courses, better science equipment, and growing library, together with its strong corps of instructors, make it the pride of our Methodism, and we most heartily urge that the educational collection be gathered upon the basis of fifty cents a member.

We commend the summer school to the consideration of our church. In this rapidly growing field of opportunity for study, Dakota Wesleyan offers unique advantages to our Ministers by providing special courses suitable to their needs.

We are further gratified at the action of the Black Hills Mission, in making Dakota Wesleyan their college, and recommend this to be the settled policy of South Dakota Methodism.

We nominate as visitor to Garrett Biblical Institute: W. I. Graham; J. P. Jenkins, alternate.

Dakota Wesleyan: A. D. Thibodeau, J. O. Winner, and B. W. McEldowney to serve one, two and three years, respectively, thus making it necessary to elect one new visitor each year.

We urge all our pastors and people to co-operate with the University authorities in making Dakota Wesleyan an institution commensurate with the ideals and benefits of any educational institution.

JOHN OGDEN WINNER, Chairman.

A. D. THIBODEAU, Secretary.

CABINET REPORT ON DAKOTA WESLEYAN

The Bishop and the Presiding Elders in cabinet assembled, after careful consideration of the interests of Dakota Wesleyan, express the judgment that it is, and should be, considered one of the supreme interests of Methodism by every Minister and layman in South Dakota. In view of indebtedness and unpaid subscriptions on Memorial Hall, incurring annual interest of \$3,000, they recommend:

1st. That every Pastor and Presiding Elder take this work upon himself as one of the vital interests of the church, demanding his earnest personal attention.

2nd. In view of the deficiency caused by so many of the charges failing to bring up the two dollars per member pledged by the last Conference, we suggest that the Bishop request each Presiding Elder to call all the preachers of his district to his side, and request them to stand with him as a pledge that they will use their utmost endeavor to bring up the deficiency on their charges before January 1st. The Presiding Elder to direct the campaign, but the personal responsibility resting upon the pastor. In cases of change of appointment, the pastor assuming the responsibility for the work to which appointed.

3rd. In the cases of the charges which have met the apportionment, the pastor is requested to make further personal canvass on the last man plan, emphasizing the fact that the needs of the college are such that every man should do all that he can.

4th. To provide against interest and any possible shrinkage which may occur, we further recommend that a subscription be taken with the purpose of securing 500 ten dollar subscriptions, payable within 60 days of the date of the subscription, such amounts to be over and above previous subscriptions, and independent of the two dollars per member. In case of surplus it will be applied to much needed endowment.

5th. We further emphasize the urgent necessity of interesting people of larger means in larger donations; and in the securing of legacies and annuities. The great increase of the student body, and the growing needs of the institution, make it impossible to maintain the college without endowment and added buildings in the near future. Our people should be made to feel that the giving of last year no more relieves them than the payment of salaries, or the raising of benevolences last year precludes the necessity of appeals for the coming year. Our success is our embarrassment, and we must provide annually and more liberally for the growing needs of this growing institution.

The cabinet is unanimous in these recommendations.

J. P. JENKINS,
E. P. HALL,
W. I. GRAHAM,
J. O. DOBSON,
C. E. HAGER.

VISITORS DAKOTA UNIVERSITY

The Conference visitors, recognizing the great need of trained men and women; that our university is doing much to fill that need in the great empire of our own state; and that increasing usefulness and responsibility increase the needs of our university, make the following recommendations:

- 1st. A larger scientific equipment—apparatus and books.
- 2nd. A new chapel.
- 3rd. More books in the library in all classes, but especially in the scientific, and a regularly employed librarian, who can give his whole time to this work.
- 4th. That each pastor in the Conference see to it that his full apportionment for Dakota University is raised as the school must have more money if responsibility and opportunity are to be met.
- 5th. Endowment, endowment, and again endowment.
- 6th. We rejoice in the success of the school and that the Conference has secured such an able corps of teachers; we would especially commend the thorough work being done in the school and the work in the Y. M. C. A and Y. W. C. A. among the students. They are a whole souled body of young men and women, and going in and out among them, their words of respect and love for faculty and school were universal.

If we are to have the kind of men needed for the church of tomorrow the school must have these things. The need is great, brethren; can it not be filled? We suggest no plans, but this great school should be upon our hearts.

G. D. BROWN, Chairman.

W. A. CAVE, Secretary.

COMMISSION ON AGGRESSIVE EVANGELISM

We are happy to report a growing spirit of aggressive evangelism in our Conference, and recommend the continuance of the Committee on Aggressive Evangelism, and that said committee should be definitely organized.

We recommend as members comprising such commission, the Presiding Elders, one pastor and one layman from each district, the pastor and layman to be nominated by the Presiding Elder of the district. The officers shall be a president, secretary and treasurer.

There shall be two standing committees—on Finance and on Evangelistic services. The Committee on Finance shall consist of the laymen who are members of this commission. The Committee on Evangelistic Services shall consist of the Presiding Elders, corresponding secretary, and the pastor from each district. This commission shall meet for definite and thorough organization not later than November 15th next. The time and place to be determined by the Presiding Elders. The initiation in calling this meeting shall be taken by the senior Presiding Elder of the Conference.

The members of this committee on each district shall organize their own district for work at as early a date as possible after the adjournment of this Conference. Each district organization shall have the right to formulate such plans as will secure the largest possible results.

We recommend that the commission shall arrange with the local church where the next Conference is held to hold special evangelistic services, under direction of some prominent leader, during the Conference session.

We recommend further that the Presiding Elders in arranging for the missionary campaign, plan also to emphasize the great work of aggressive evangelism.

While the greatest responsibility for the success of the work of this commission rests upon the Presiding Elders, yet each pastor must feel that his co-operation is essential to the greatest success.

We record our hearty appreciation of the presence and splendid work of Dr. J. P. Brushingham. His messages given under the demonstration of the power of the Holy Spirit have been of great inspiration and blessing, and pledge our hearty co-operation with the General Conference commission in its great work.

A. C. SHEPHERD, Secretary.

COMMITTEE ON EPWORTH LEAGUE

We rejoice in the gratifying reports by many pastors of the part the Epworth Leaguers are taking in revival work, and the many evidences of Christian usefulness shown by our young people. We believe the key to the evangelization of the youth of South Dakota should be found in the Epworth League, and that our motto should be: "The young people of South Dakota for Christ."

We congratulate the Epworth Assembly at Canton upon the triumph of this year, and recommend to the young people of our homes, that they and their friends arrange to spend their summer outing at this assembly.

We record our appreciation of the faithful service of Dr. N. A. Swickard to the Epworth League of the Dakota Conference and of the state, and wish for him the highest and largest success in his new field of work.

We extend to Dr. Randall our hearty thanks and appreciation for his helpful visit to our Conference, from which we have received much information and enthusiasm for our work. We believe the time has come for thorough and effective organization of our Conference forces for successful Epworth Leagues throughout our territory, and to this end we submit the following plan of Conference organization:

That a Conference board of the Epworth League of Dakota Conference be constituted, the said board to consist of the Presiding Elders and three others from each district, one of whom shall be the president of the district Epworth League, the three members from each district to be appointed for the ensuing year by the Presiding Elder, and subsequently elected by the district cabinet. This Conference board is to supervise and promote the welfare of the League within the Conference in co-operation with the central office at Chicago. In the event of failure to elect on the part of any district meeting the Presiding Elder shall appoint said members.

The chairman of the present Conference committee on Epworth League is hereby authorized to call together this board immediately upon the

appointment of its members, and complete the Conference organization. For all business meetings seven members of the board shall constitute a quorum.

We recommend that district conventions be held throughout the Conference, and that provision be made for an Epworth League anniversary at the annual Conference sessions.

P. O. BUNT, Chairman.

TEMPERANCE

We renew our oft-repeated declarations of hostility to the liquor traffic. No other enemy so wars against the morality and happiness of our people, and obstructs the saving mission of the church.

Christian faith, justified by experience, gives assurance that this enemy can be overthrown. We heartily endorse the sentiment that when the churches, with united and persistent voice, shall demand the extermination of the liquor traffic, its end will follow speedily.

We rejoice in the things that appear already—the reformed and reforming public sentiment; the abolition of liquor selling in the army; the steadily widening area of prohibition; the reviving of conscience that demands the honest enforcement of our laws, and the spirit of unity that is more and more pervading all organizations naturally hostile to the saloon. We extend cordial greetings to every agency that has contributed to these results.

We approve of pledge signing for old and young; of efforts to redeem our national birthday from gross and improper uses and make it contributory to the advancement of temperance and patriotic sentiments; of congressional guarantees that prohibition shall be maintained in the Indian Territory, whether admitted to the Union as a state or not; and of so reforming the inter-state commerce laws as to make all liquors subject to state laws in whatever state they may be found.

We stand committed to County Option, backed by an efficient law, as the next great step for us in the direction of state wide prohibition.

We again repeat our commendation of that federation of churches known as the Anti-Saloon League and pledge it our support. To this end it is recommended that the Conference appoint four of its members to represent it during the coming year in the Executive Board of the League, and that two be named as delegates to the annual convention of the American League, to be held at Indianapolis, Nov. 22 to 24, 1905.

We most earnestly protest against the persistent efforts to nullify and break down the effectiveness of the Anti-Canteen law. We urge our Senators and Congressmen to oppose any attempt to repeal the present statutes prohibiting the sale of liquor in Army Canteens. Recent revelations in the private life of some of our regular army officers justify the belief that the faithful enforcement of the law will be beneficial to both rank and file of the army.

D. RIFENBARK, Chairman.

A. E. CARHART, Secretary.

BOARD OF DAKOTA CONFERENCE TRUSTEES

The Board of Dakota Conference Trustees held its annual meet Oct. 20, 1905. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, G. F. Hopkins; Secretary, J. B. Dibble; Treasurer, J. S. Harkness.

Collected interest on outstanding notes and paid to Conference Stewards \$50.40. There is in the hands of the treasurer for investment, belonging to the permanent fund, \$412.17.

The Treasurer of the Board of Trustees is hereby instructed to renew all paper overdue, and secure in lieu thereof bankable paper or insist on immediate payment.

The following nominations are respectfully submitted to the Conference for confirmation:

Trustee, for one year, G. W. Rosenberry, to fill vacancy.

For three years, W. D. Deeble, G. T. Notson, J. S. Harkness.

G. F. HOPKINS, President.

J. B. DIBBLE, Secretary.

COMMITTEE ON CHURCH LITERATURE

We desire to place on record our appreciation of the valuable work done by our Book Concern, not only in their distribution this year of the magnificent sum of \$120,000 to Conference claimants, of which our Conference received \$795, but as well its work in circulating the very best periodical literature published among our people. We pledge ourselves to do our best in placing the Northwestern in every Methodist home, and in circulating the Epworth Herald among all of our young people.

We appreciate the opportunity of purchasing the best book literature at lowest price, without cost of transportation, given by the valuable display of books at the annual sessions of our Conference; and we deem it improper to permit any other business house to present its wares in opposition to or competition with our own Book Concern. We repeat the words of the similar resolution of last year, "Loyalty to our publications is the highest wisdom, as the profits belong to the church."

P. O. BUNT, Chairman.

C. L. FILLEBROWN, Secretary.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON AUDITING TREASURER'S ACCOUNTS

We, your committee, having carefully examined the Treasurer's accounts, find the same to be correct.

A. P. JANES, Chairman.

S. H. SHURTLEFF, Secretary.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION

The Board of Church Extension has been for thirty-four years one of the most helpful agencies in our church for the spread of God's Kingdom, by assisting in providing places of worship for thousands of congregations who otherwise would have been homeless. We therefore pledge our support to every phase of this work.

Whereas, There is reported to be nineteen churches within the bounds of our Conference indebted to the board of Church Extension to the amount of \$9,063 principle and \$7,044 in interest, all past due.

Resolved, That we urge upon the pastors of these churches to call attention of their official boards to the importance of meeting their obligation to the board of Church Extension.

W. D. DEEBLE, Chairman.

J. B. DIBBLE, Secretary.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND TRACTS

We recommend to Methodist people for use in Methodist Sunday Schools our own publications and disapprove the substitution of any other. We are in hearty sympathy with Dr. McFarland's plan for more efficient teaching in our Sunday Schools, and recommend that all our preachers co-operate with him in this movement, securing the special Sunday School library and the best literature related to the work.

We recognize in the Tract Society an agency of great usefulness, and realize that it may be made of greater usefulness if the pastors will take advantage of the Society's liberal plan for distribution of tracts.

As the resources of both these societies are inadequate to meet the demands made upon them, we recommend that a collection be taken upon every charge for these societies.

PAUL H. MacBETH, Chairman.

E. E. DEAN, Secretary.

CHURCH INSURANCE

We urge all members of this Conference to help their official brethren to remember that the National Mutual Church Insurance Company is an official organization of the Methodist Episcopal Church, is under the supervision of the General Conference and as such is entitled to the co-operation of all of our Church societies; not only because of the saving effected under its terms and the convenience of meeting its annual payments, but also—and this we wish to particularly emphasize—because it is the only insurance organization that stands between thousands of our churches and serious disaster. Let us help in this work of protecting Methodism, for it is only by reason of the co-operation of those more fortunately situated financially that safe business can be done and help extended to those dependent upon our company.

For further information write to the secretary, Henry P. Magill, No. 184 LaSalle St., Chicago, Ill.

J. E. NORVELL, Chairman.

OTHER BENEVOLENCES

Your committee on other benevolences recommend that the broadest possible interpretation be given to this word "benevolence", and that the whole literal meaning be gotten out of this word "other," so as to include all of the benevolences that have not been otherwise enumerated; that special evangelism, temperance, relief of the sick, sustenance of the poor, or to help young persons to obtain an education, or to support Bible readers, providing always that such benevolent activity is brought to the knowledge of the pastor, be reported under the head of "other benevolences."

The gist of this report is that nothing which has been enumerated in any of the regular forms, or by special enumeration in harmony with action of the Conference, shall be here reported, and that everything else may be included.

T. H. YOUNGMAN, Chairman.

H. S. WILKINSON, Secretary.

SABBATH OBSERVANCE

Knowing that God instituted the Christian Sabbath for the physical, intellectual and spiritual well-being of man, and deplored the Sabbath desecration and various attempts to secure the repeal of Sunday laws, be it

Resolved, 1st. That we pledge ourselves to hearty co-operation with those organizations which are laboring for the protection of our present laws.

2nd. That we urge every pastor of the Conference to preach at least one earnest sermon on this subject during the year.

3rd. That we heartily commend the Milwaukee and Northwestern railroads for discontinuing Sunday excursions.

O. W. BUTTERFIELD, Chairman.

W. L. MEINZER, Secretary.

COMMITTEE ON ASBURY HOSPITAL

We heartily commend the work of Asbury Hospital, which has in the last twelve years cared for almost 8,000 patients, treated 17,000 in the free dispensary, made 60,000 calls, and done a great deal of other work among the poor, deserving and unsaved.

The old building being inadequate to meet the demands, the management has let the contract for the completion of our one-third of the present new building, at a cost of \$55,000, of which \$37,000 has been subscribed. The necessities of the case imperatively demand the occupation of this portion of the new building, and the greatest efforts are being put forth to raise the remaining \$18,000.

We urge all the pastors to present this cause, and receive contributions for the building fund, and that the pulpits be open to the representative of the hospital.

A. L. CATHERS, Chairman.

W. L. MEINZER, Secretary.

COMMITTEE ON BOOK ACCOUNTS

We acknowledge the Book Concern of our church as a great help in the advancement of our work.

We also acknowledge the credit system as helpful to our pastors during the Conference year.

We regret that some of our pastors are not as prompt as they should be in the adjustment of these accounts, and we recommend that all show their appreciation of the privileges of the credit system by calling upon the agent of the Book Concern during the first day of his presence at the seat of the Conference and adjusting the same.

O. W. BUTTERFIELD, Chairman.

COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS WEST OF MISSOURI RIVER

We find in this field a great opportunity and emergency; a territory about 105 miles wide by 110 miles long, with two lines of railroad being built across its entire length, with settlers rushing in and new towns springing up along these lines, and new communities being settled everywhere, and a cry everywhere for Methodist preaching and churches in which to worship; therefore, be it

Resolved, That as this vast field is open to our ministry we earnestly appeal to our Missionary Society and Board of Church Extension to help us to help them. To occupy this great field we must have Missionary money for preachers, and Church Extension money to build churches.

DUANE RIFENBARK, Chairman.

I. P. POTTER, Secretary.

RELIEF ASSOCIATION

Questioning their ability to formulate a feasible plan for a Conference Relief Association, the committee recommends the Methodist Ministers' Relief Association of Boston, Massachusetts.

In the last Annual Report, Bishops Mallalieu, Goodsell and Hamilton heartily recommend this Association, its firm foundation, and financial condition, and the committee would heartily recommend this society and exhort all whose health make them eligible to join.

T. H. YOUNGMAN, Chairman.

AUDITING PRESIDING ELDERS' ACCOUNTS

We, your committee, have carefully examined the accounts of the Presiding Elders and find them correct.

LOUIS L. LANE, Chairman.

S. A. CHAPPELL, Secretary.

AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY

Great demands are being made upon the resources of the American Bible Society owing to the extraordinary advances in the work of the foreign mission fields and the great tides of immigration coming to our shores.

Therefore your committee suggests that this Conference take similar action to some of the Eastern Conferences by apportioning to each pastoral charge 3 per cent. of the amount apportioned to missions.

J. T. GURNEY, Chairman.

WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

We are profoundly impressed with the value of the great work this Society is doing, and thank God for the increasing interest in it.

We believe that all our pastors should interest themselves in this work and where no Auxiliary exists, we suggest that they send for literature and try to secure the formation of one, which will no doubt prove to be a spiritual aid and financial blessing.

A. C. McLEAN, Chairman.

W. O. REDFIELD, Secretary.

FREEDMEN'S AID AND SOUTHERN EDUCATION

Recognizing the great work which the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society is doing not only in the education and conversion of the people, but also as the most potent agency in the solution of the race problem and the evangelization of Africa;

Resolved, That we, the members of Dakota Conference, stand committed to this cause and pledge our hearty co-operation and support.

E. S. CHAPPELL, Chairman.

EDGAR E. SAXTON, Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS

Your Committee on Resolutions reports as follows:

1. Our hospitable entertainment by the Pastor and members of this church and the citizens of Watertown has been heartily appreciated. We commend the beautiful cleanliness of this church edifice. We pray God's blessings to rest in large measure upon our hosts.

2. Our Conference officers have served us with untiring effort, and to their labors the success of this session is in part due. To them our grateful thanks is extended.

3. We are always glad to welcome our General Conference Secretaries and the representatives of our connectional interests, who by their earnest words encourage us to greater service for the Master.

4. We express our unbounded gratitude in having with us for the third

time, our beloved Bishop Warren, and believe that much of the evangelistic spirit of this Conference is due to his presence and to the little book on "Soul Saving", which he presented to every member of the Conference and for which we hereby publicly express our thanks.

5. We would express also our appreciation of the choir, and the splendid music they furnished for the special services.

6. Above all we desire to record our deep gratitude to Almighty God for splendid harvests in field, and spiritual blessings upon our churches.

C. L. FILLEBROWN, Chairman.

CONFERENCE BOARD OF STEWARDS

The amount reported to this board for distribution, subject to the approval of the Conference, is \$2,624.40, derived from the following sources:

Collections	\$1757 00
Book Concern.....	795 00
Chartered Fund	22 00
Interest	50 40
Total	\$2624 40

We recommend that this be distributed as follows:

Mrs. Kate Hoadley, 606 Dexter Ave. N., Seattle, Wash.....	\$80 00
W. O. Gram, Bath.....	50 00
S. F. Brown, Bangor.....	200 00
Wm. Underwood, White Lake	190 00
H. M. Springer, Hartford, Vt.....	100 00
J. G. Hall, 111 Columbia St., Redlands, Cal.....	275 00
Mrs. Burdick, University Place, Neb.....	100 00
Mrs. Achsah B. Curl, 1102 Wood St., Oakland, Cal	125 00
T. H. Walker, Siloam Springs, Ark.....	250 00
L. Hartsough, Mt. Vernon, Iowa.....	275 00
T. Wilkinson, Siloam Springs, Ark.....	90 00
Mrs. Myra Coon, Watertown	100 00
Mrs. Mary F. Washburn, 2118 Estrella Ave., Los Angeles, Cal.....	70 00
D. W. Chamberlain, Scotland.....	65 00
Oliver Williams, Mitchell	120 00
Mrs. F. T. Nichols, Parker	145 00
Mrs. Cooper, England.....	90 00
Mrs. A. V. Fawell, Woodlawn, Neb., R. F. D. No 2.....	84 40
Mrs. W. H. Cory, Seattle, Wash	90 00
A. Jamieson, Beresford	125 00
Total	\$2624 40

O. A. PHILLIPS, Chairman.

A. E. CARHART, Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS ON MORMONISM

Whereas, President Joseph F. Smith and high officials of the Mormon church have admitted in their testimony before a committee of the United States Senate that for years the law of the state of Utah prohibiting polygamy has been constantly violated by fellow Mormons and themselves; and

Whereas, The solemn pledges given the President of the United States, and the action by the head of the Mormon church and other high officials of the same, to the effect that they would cease plural marriages and polygamous practices, has, according to their own testimony, been violated; and

Whereas, Reed Smoot, United States Senator elect from the state of Utah, is an apostle of the Mormon church, and subservient to the hierarchy of his church, and has connived at the unlawful practices of the same; therefore

Resolved, first, That we do hereby memorialize the Senate of the United States in the name of all our American homes and the sacred marital ties of the same, to declare vacant the seat of Reed Smoot, Senator from the state of Utah;

Resolved, second, That we hereby memorialize the congress of the United States to submit to the several states of the Union an amendment to the Constitution of the United States prohibiting polygamy and polygamous practices in any state or territory of the Union.

SUNDAY SCHOOL INSTITUTE

We record our high appreciation of the work and influences of the Sunday School Institute, and of the excellent addresses of Rev. A. P. George, D. D. They have been inspiring, helpful and suggestive. We request those who make the program of the next annual Conference to arrange for another of these institutes. We commend the Sunday School Union to the members of this Conference as worthy of increased attention and larger contributions and suggest that more effort be made to set before our people the real service of this organization.

W. I. GRAHAM,
THOS. NICHOLSON,
J. O. DOBSON.

REPORT ON CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS' FUNDS

The following was adopted as a substitute to the report offered by the Committee on Permanent Conference Claimants' Funds:

First. The plan adopted by the New York East Conference is recommended as the most feasible for this Conference. It consists of five sources of revenue, viz: (1) Collections from the churches; (2) dividends from Book Concern; (3) dividends from Chartered Fund; (4) receipts from Permanent Fund; (5) the pro rata assessment of 1 per cent. of salary, exclusive of house rent, to all members of the Conference.

Second. It is further recommended that 25 per cent. of the above assessment be applied to necessitous cases the first year, 20 per cent. the second year, 15 per cent. the third year, 10 per cent. the fourth year, 5 per cent. the fifth year, but thereafter all amounts from this source be added to the Permanent Fund.

Third. It is recommended that the Secretary of the board of Conference trustees be the Treasurer of this fund, and that he is hereby directed to keep an account with each member of the Conference pertaining to the above assessment of 1 per cent. in order that they may have proper credit and that their allowance from this fund be in proportion to the meeting of said assessment.

Fourth. It is proposed that the Conference place an agent in the field to secure subscriptions, bequests, legacies, &c., to increase the Permanent Conference Claimants' Fund.

O. A. PHILLIPS, Chairman.

LACHLIN MacLEAN, Secretary.

CONFERENCE NECROLOGY

Name	Place of Death	Time of Death	Age	Years in ministry	Conference Relation
John M. Rust.....	Vermillion, Dakota . . .	1871	41	15	Effective
Thomas M. Williams.....	Bridgewater, Dakota.....	1882	50	24	Effective
Wm. H. Hoadley.....	Huron, Dakota.....	1886	51	16	Supernumerary
T. S. Hunt.....	Aurora, Indiana.....	1887	57	16	Effective
Wm. H. Affleck.....	Leeds, England.....	1887	76	.....	Effective
Wm. Vivian.....	San Fernando, Cal.....	1888	45	8	Supernumerary
Chas. B. Gilbert.....	.....	1889	.....	1	Probationer
Stanley S. Smith.....	Armour, S. Dak.....	1889	.....	1	Probationer
Ira A. Sparks.....	.....	1894	29	9	Effective
Wm. Wesley Brown.....	Thomasburg, Ontario.....	1894	32	6	Supernumerary
Geo. B. Dodd.....	Colman, S. Dak.....	1895	36	2	Probationer
A. R. Boggs.....	Mitchell, S. Dak.....	1899	64	29	Superannuate
Oliver H. Sproul.....	Northville, S. Dak.....	1899	53	26	Effective
Francis A. Burdick.....	University Place, Neb.....	1900	48	23	Superannuate
H. T. Curl.....	Oakland, Cal.....	1901	60	33	Superannuate
Hiram S. Coon.....	Kampeska, S. Dak.....	1902	45	6	Effective
Colin T. Cooper.....	Faulkton, S. Dak.....	1903	35	4	Effective
Geo. H. Parker.....	Andover, S. Dak.....	1903	35	8	Effective
Sanford Washburn.....	Chicago, Ill.....	1904	.....	41	Superannuate
Francis T. Nichols.....	Alcester, S. Dak.....	1904	.....	15	Effective
Wm. H. Cory.....	Seattle, Wash.....	1904	.....	19	Supernumerary

CONFERENCE ANNIVERSARIES

- Tuesday, Oct. 17, 7:30 p. m.—Anniversary Conference Historical Society, Rev. C. E. Hager, presiding. Addresses, A. Jamieson, O. A. Phillips and G. T. Notson.
- Wednesday, Oct. 18, 2:30 p. m.—Anniversary Church Extension Society, Rev. A. P. Janes, presiding. Address by Rev. S. W. Trousdale, D. D.
- Wednesday, Oct. 18, 7:30 p. m.—Anniversary Epworth League, Rev. E. S. Chappell, presiding. Address by Rev. E. M. Randall, D. D.
- Thursday, Oct. 19, 2:00 p. m.—Missionary Sermon by Rev. W. A. Cave.
- Thursday, Oct. 19, 7:30 p. m.—Educational Anniversary, Rev. J. W. Taylor, presiding. Addresses by Bishop H. W. Warren and Rev. Dr. Thomas Nicholson.
- Friday, Oct. 20, 2:00 p. m.—Temperance Anniversary, Rev. A. E. Carhart, presiding. Addresses by Bishop H. W. Warren, S. T. Weaver and F. B. Dunn.
- Friday, Oct. 20, 7:30 p. m.—Anniversary Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society, Rev. H. S. Wilkinson, presiding. Address by Rev. J. P. Brushingham, D. D.
- Saturday, Oct. 21, 4:00 p. m.—Anniversary Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, Mrs. L. P. Hauser, presiding. Address by Miss Nellie B. Prather.
- Saturday, Oct. 21, 7:30 p. m.—Anniversary Laymen's Association, Hon. H. G. Tilton presiding. Addresses by Hon. H. G. Tilton and Hon. J. M. Gray.
- Sunday, Oct. 22, 9:00 a. m.—Conference Love Feast, led by Rev. D. Rifenbark.
- Sunday, Oct. 22, 10:15 a. m.—Ordination of Deacons and Conference Sermon by Bishop H. W. Warren, D. D., LL. D.
- Sunday, Oct. 22, 4:00 p. m.—Memorial Service, Rev. A. Jamieson, presiding. Memoir W. H. Cory read by Rev. J. T. Gurney, remarks by Rev. E. P. Hall. Remarks on life and character of Mrs. R. N. Kratz by Rev. C. E. Hager and Dr. Thos. Nicholson.
- Sunday, Oct. 22, 5:00 p. m.—Ordination of Elders by Bishop Warren and Consecration of Deaconesses.
- Sunday, Oct. 22, 7:30 p. m.—Anniversary of Missionary Society, Rev. S. A. Chappell, presiding. Address by Rev. F. H. Sheets, D. D., Field Secretary Missionary Society.
- The pulpits of the Baptist, Congregational and Presbyterian Churches were filled morning and evening by members of the Conference.

PLANS AND RULES FOR EXAMINATIONS IN THE CONFERENCE COURSE OF STUDY ADOPTED BY DAKOTA CONFERENCE

1—BOARD OF EXAMINERS

The board of examiners of the Dakota Conference shall consist of twelve members, who shall be nominated by the cabinet, and appointed by the presiding Bishop.

The board shall be divided into four classes, of three members each, whose terms of service shall, at the first appointment, be for one, two, three and four years respectively, and thereafter for four years successively; each examiner being eligible for successive re-appointment.

Vacancies occurring during the year may be filled by the chairman of the board, until the ensuing annual Conference, when, appointments shall be made as for full terms.

All appointments of examiners are to be made, if possible, as early as the third day of each annual Conference session.

2—OFFICERS

The board shall organize by electing from its members, annually, at its first regular meeting, a chairman, a vice chairman, and a secretary, who shall perform the usual duties of these officers.

The work of the secretary shall also include the keeping of a permanent book record of the standing and credits of all candidates subject to examination by the board; and he shall report the same to the Conference when required. This record shall also contain the credits allowed candidates for work done in our literary and theological schools.

3—EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The officers of the board shall constitute an executive committee, which shall have authority, under direction of the board, to select the place and fix the date of the mid-year meeting, arrange the literary and religious program in connection with the same, and attend to all general matters of business in the intervals between board meetings.

4—REGULAR MEETINGS

The board of examiners shall hold three regular meetings each year as follows:

1. At the seat of the annual Conference, before the close of the annual session if possible, or as soon thereafter as practicable, for the election of officers and the assignment of work for the year. At this meeting the various examinations and other work in connection therewith should be assigned definitely to the several members of the board; a schedule of the studies and subjects in the courses, with the names of examiners, and the times of examination, should be prepared for publication in the Conference Minutes, or otherwise, and general plans outlined for the mid-year meeting of the board.

2. A mid-year meeting to be held in the month of May of each year, the session not to continue longer than four days, usually from Tuesday to Friday, inclusive; the first two days being devoted mainly to special reviews, the last two mainly to examinations.

All undergraduates, and, as far as possible, all candidates for admission to the Conference, and all local preachers who are candidates for orders, are required to attend this mid-year meeting, unless excused from attendance for adequate cause, by the chairman of the board.

At this meeting examinations shall be conducted on at least one-half of the books or subjects on which examinations are to be conducted during the year.

It is expected that special lectures and other literary and religious exercises shall be provided in connection with the regular work of the session, for the enjoyment and profit of all in attendance.

In place of the mid-year meeting, the board may, at its option, provide for mid-year examinations at district meetings.

3. The board of examiners shall also convene at the seat of the annual Conference, each year, the day before the Conference session begins, to review and complete the work of the year, and especially to conclude the examination of all candidates in the courses of study related to the work of that year. All examinations must be completed by the evening of the first day of the Conference session.

5—SYSTEMATIC STUDY

It shall be one duty of the board to secure more systematic work among the undergraduates in the four years' course of study—a duty not less important than to provide for more careful examinations. Therefore, as far as practicable, the examiners shall give to the undergraduates and others, suggestions and instructions with reference to proper and profitable study of the books and subjects in all the required courses.

6—QUESTIONS AND EXAMINATIONS

As a rule, all examinations shall be in writing.

All candidates in the same class, who are examined at the same time, shall be tested by the same questions.

A list of not fewer than ten questions shall be prepared on each book or subject assigned for examination.

In the case of all candidates for "admission on trial," the board is instructed to examine first in the "Elementary English Branches," and if the candidate fails to pass in these with reasonable credit, other examinations shall be postponed; and he shall be required to bring up these studies before he is admitted to examination in others.

In case of the unavoidable absence from the meetings of the board of any examiner, he shall forward his list of questions to the chairman, who will arrange for supervision of the examinations.

7—WRITTEN WORK

Sermons and essays, and statement concerning reading course, shall be

forwarded to the appropriate examiners at least one month before the date of the annual Conference.

8—GRADES AND GRADING

All grades shall be made on a scale of 100; and the minimum grade upon which a candidate in the regular Conference course, or for admission on trial, may be passed is seventy per cent. on each study or subject.

Sermons and essays that are accepted shall be graded a, b, or c, which shall represent the following values: a, 100 to 90; b, 90 to 80; c, 80 to 70.

Candidates for local Deacons' or Elders' orders must reach the grade of at least sixty per cent.

Each examiner shall forward to the secretary, as soon as practicable after the completion of the examination, the papers, certificates and grades of each candidate; and the secretary shall file the papers, and make a permanent record of all grades and credits. On receipt of these certificates of grades and credits from the examiner, the secretary shall also promptly notify the candidates in writing of the result of their examinations, which notification shall be to the candidates an official certificate of their work.

In case any candidate fails to pass in any study or examination, the secretary shall notify the chairman of the board, as well as the candidate.

9—APPEALS

In case any candidate appeals from the grade markings of any examiner, the board of examiners shall investigate the matter, and make the final decision thereon.

All examination papers for the preceding year shall be destroyed at the close of each session of the annual Conference; and no appeal shall be entertained thereafter.

10—MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

No candidate shall be entitled to advanced classification who has failed to pass in two books or subjects to be studied, or three books to be read; or in one to be studied and two to be read; or who is delinquent and equivalent among in other required work; and no candidate shall be entitled to examination in advance studies until he has brought up the work on which he is delinquent.

11—FEES

To provide for the necessary expenses of the board, an annual fee of one dollar shall be required of each candidate for examination.

The under-graduates of the Conference shall forward this fee to the secretary of the board, annually, within sixty days of the adjournment of Conference. On receipt of the money, the secretary shall send the candidate a certificate which shall entitle him to all the privileges and examinations of the board for the year.

Candidates for admission on trial, or for local orders, must also forward this fee of one dollar before they can be considered eligible for examination. At the third meeting of the board a committee shall be appointed to audit the financial accounts of the secretary.

12—FOR ADMISSION OR ORDERS

It shall be the duty of the Presiding Elders to report to the secretary of the board as early in the year as possible the names of all candidates for orders. These will be expected to take their examinations at the regular meeting of the board, and should be put in correspondence with the secretary so as to learn the requirements which apply to them.

13—PUBLICATION

A copy of this plan, together with the detailed schedule of studies and assignments to examiners, shall be printed from year to year in the Conference Minutes, and if thought necessary, the board may also publish the same in pamphlet form.

14—AMENDMENTS

The board of examiners shall be a permanent committee on the revision and amendment of the plans and methods herein presented; but before they become a valid part of the plan, or are used or published by the board, all proposed changes must be accepted by a vote of the Conference.

GEO. F. HOPKINS, Chairman.

ADDENDA

1—SCHEDULE OF CLASSES

The chairman shall arrange schedule of classes, and the hours for the meeting of each, to be strictly adhered to, at the annual Conference examination.

2—SEPARATE BUILDING

The board requests that a room, separate from the church in which the Conference is held, be provided each year, in which to hold examinations.

3—GRADES FROM CONFERENCES

Acceptance of grades from other Conferences shall, in every instance, be optional with the board. A low grade, as a rule, will not be recognized.

4—SPECIAL ADVICE.

1. Examiners are expected as far as desirable to assist students in their work. Students should report progress and pursue studies under general directions of examiners. No student will be permitted to take any examinations in advance of the year until all the work of the year has been completed.
2. At least one-half of the studies are required at the mid-year examination.
3. Examinations will be given only at the times provided in the rules of the board, except in cases of emergency at the discretion of the chairman.

4. Examiners and students should read in Discipline, Appendix 56-60, also in Conference Minutes, "Plans and Rules for Examinations."

In order to secure a more systematic and efficient supervision of the Conference Courses of Study, and examination thereon, the plans and methods given above shall be followed, subject to revision and amendment. By order of the Conference.

SCHEDULE OF CONFERENCE CLASSES AND EXAMINERS

Examiner	For Admission	First Year	Second Year	Third Year	Fourth Year	Local Orders
W. S. Shepherd.....	Discipline.....	American History .. .	Miley.....	Hermeneutics.....		
Wilkinson.....	Sermon.....	Miley.....	Harman			
Taylor.....	Christian Perfection..	Harman				
A. C. Shepherd.....	Rhetoric.....					
Harkness.....	Doctrine.....			Essay.....		
Brown.....				History of England .. .	Land of Israel .. .	Christian Belief
Rosenberry.....				Logic	Psycho-logy	Ethics
Fillebrown.....	English Branches .. .	Sermon.....			Christian Church .. .	Christian Church
Dibble	Life of Wesley .. .				Butler's Analogy .. .	Universal History .. .
Rifenbark	Outlines of History .. .				Universal History .. .	Universal History .. .
Deeble	Bible History .. .	Homiletics			Essay.....	Essay.....
Youngman		Books to be Read .. .				
Hopkins	Books to be Read .. .			Books to be Read .. .	Books to be Read .. .	Books to be Read .. .

At least half of work required at the mid-year examinations.

Sermons and essays and reports on books to be read to be forwarded at least one month before Conference.

LIST OF UNDERGRADUATES

In Studies of First Year	In Studies of Second Year	In Studies of Third Year	In Studies of Fourth Year
C. C. Boslaugh..... Hitchcock	A. L. Cathers..... Burdette	H. I. Farr..... Phenix, Ariz.	James Crowther Wessington Spg
H. P. Eberhart..... Gayville	Ernest Holgate..... Bard	G. L. Granger..... Evanston, Ill.	O. W. Butterfield..... Miller
T. K. Holliday..... Vienna	E. O. Machemer..... Lake Preston	L. R. Keckler..... Richland	W. O. Gram..... Bath
Lawrence L. Layne..... Doland	W. S. Scott..... Mitchell	J. H. Kearton..... Mitchell	H. L. Hastings
E. G. Meinzer..... Summit	P. H. Weston..... Mt. Vernon, Ia.	C. E. Logsdon..... Mitchell	William Mason
N. S. Sanderson..... Hecla		S. H. Shurtliff..... Harrisburg	Terry
L. W. Scott..... Garretson		H. W. Smith..... Montrose	A. C. McLean..... Arlington
H. H. Weak..... Mitchell		B. F. Stiles..... Carpenter	Henry Preston
		R. E. Tarleton..... Mellette	DeSmet
		R. J. VanDerVoort..... Colman	A. M. Ward
			Frederick

MEMOIR

WILLIAM H. CORY

William Henry Cory was born at Jefferson, Wis., April 26, 1850, and died at Seattle, Wash., November 1, 1904. He was converted at 19 years of age and two years later entered the experience of entire sanctification. Quite early in his Christian life he was licensed as a local preacher and in this relationship he was more than ordinarily useful. In 1888 he was called to South Dakota as a supply. In 1889 he was admitted as a probationer in the Dakota Conference.

For thirteen years he labored successfully as a member of this Conference. At the end of this time he broke down through nervous prostration, in consequence of which he was compelled to take a supernumerary relation. He served the following charges in this Conference: 1889-1890, Doland and Frankfort; 1890-2, Columbia and Ordway; 1892-3, Ellendale; 1893-5, Northville; 1895-7, Centerville; 1897-8, DeSmet; 1898-1900, Britton; 1900-1, Bath.

Leaving South Dakota he moved to Seattle, Wash., in search of better health. In that climate his health was partially restored and for a year, he worked in one of our Methodist missions. The disease that ended his life then made its appearance and in seven short weeks from apparent health, he was brought down to death.

Brother Cory was an earnest and zealous minister of the Gospel, whose ministry was attended by many revivals of religion. As a man, he possessed strength and nobility of character, and wherever he went, won to himself many friends. During his last illness, he was a patient sufferer and have abundant evidences of his ripeness for heaven.

He married Miss Alida Stowell at Whitewater, Wis., and at the time of his death had completed with her, just twenty-eight years of happy wedded life. But one son survives, Arthur S. Cory, an earnest Methodist layman, who resides at Chehalis, Wash.

LAYMEN'S ASSOCIATION

Watertown, So. Dak., October 21, 1905.

Second Annual Meeting of the Laymen's Association of Dakota Conference convened in Baptist church, Watertown, So. Dak., October 21, 1905.

Devotional exercises conducted by Bro. N. S. Wilson of Leola.

Addresses—Dr. Brushingham, of Chicago, addressed the Association on Evangelism.

Miss Nettie B. Prather, of Chicago, addressed the Association on Foreign Missions.

Committees—The following Standing Committees elected:

Credentials—J. M. Johnson, E. F. Reamer, Wm. Carpenter.

Nominations—S. E. Morris, R. N. Kratz, F. R. Brokaw, D. C. Thomas, M. E. Harbin.

Dakota Wesleyan University—Mitchell District, E. F. Reamer, chairman, Mitchell; Huron District, S. E. Morris, Redfield; Sioux Falls District, W. H. Ramsey, Sioux Falls; Watertown District, S. H. Goepfert, Watertown; Aberdeen District, N. S. Wilson, Aberdeen.

Resolutions—L. R. Erskine, W. M. McDonald, C. G. Burnette, J. H. Darling.

The program was then taken up. General Topic, "Church Finances."

"Plans for Raising Current Expenses"—Louis F. Grill, Sioux Falls; Mrs. Mae Bobb, Mitchell.

"Should the Non-Christian Element of the Community be Solicited for Financial Aid?"—Dr. E. F. Reamer, Mitchell.

"The Vital Relation of Dakota Wesleyan University to South Dakota Methodism"—S. E. Morris, Redfield; Mrs. J. P. Jenkins, Sioux Falls.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Devotional exercises conducted by Rev. Alfred C. Bevers, DeSmet.

The following subjects were discussed:

"The Relation of the Church to the Sabbath School, Epworth League and Other Church Organizations"—Joseph Graham, Hazel; F. E. Norton, Centerville.

"Are the Class Meetings Neglected, and if so, Why?"—V. T. Reynolds, Dell Rapids; F. S. Smith, Davis.

"Why Should the Laymen Demand an Opportunity to Participate in Conducting the Affairs of the Church?"—J. F. Cooley, Canton; D. C. Thomas, Watertown.

"Has the Church a Further Duty to Perform in Preventing the Traffic of Intoxicating Liquors?"—H. S. Mouser, Huron; Mildred Scott, Garretson.

The following officers elected on nomination of the committee:

President, H. G. Tilton, Vermillion.

1st Vice President, D. F. Jones, Watertown.

2nd Vice President, Dr. E. F. Reamer, Mitchell,

3rd Vice President, G. F. Knappen, Brookings.

Secretary, S. E. Morris, Redfeld.

Treasurer, Wm. Carpenter, Andover.

The following committee was appointed to report amendments to the constitution: M. E. Harbin, W. B. Engle, Mrs. J. P. Jenkins.

EVENING SESSION.

After devotional exercises, the annual address of the president of the Association was given by Hon. H. G. Tilton.

Address by Hon. James Gray, of Minneapolis.

The new feature of this session of the Association was a banquet Friday evening at the "Arcade," where an excellent menu was served, and a fine program rendered.

WM. CARPENTER, Secretary.

Statistics Nos. 1 and 2

ABERDEEN DISTRICT

E. P. HALL, Presiding Elder

Name of Charge	Church Membership				Baptisms		Church Property				Sunday Schools												
	No. of probationers	No. of full members	Number of local preachers	No. of deaths	No. of children baptized	No. of adults baptized	No. of churches	Probable value	No. of parsonages	Probable value	Paid for building and imp'g churches and parsonages	Paid on old indebtedness on church property	Present indebtedness on church property	No. of schools	No. of officers and teachers	No. of scholars of all grades	Average attendance	No. of members in Home depart'mt	Officers and teach'rs who are chur'h members or probationers	No. scholars whether attendants or members in Home dep't who are ch. members or prob.	Members converted during year	Current expenses	
Aberdeen.....	17	330	...	4	16	21	1	\$10000	1	\$3500	25	...	\$800	1	36	450	280	...	35	175	22	\$250	
Andover.....	6	22	...				1	2000		125	...	400	4	20	120	85	...	12	40	3	42		
Ashton.....	16	62	...		1		2	3200	1	1700	50	290	1	15	70	30	...	15	10	8	50		
Bath and Columbia.....	4	60	1				2	4000	1	500	50	...	18	15	150	80	...	14	12	10	50		
Bowdle.....	19				4		1	1500	1	750	...	...	12	12	100	75	...	12	25	4	75	
Britton.....	5	54	...	1		1	1	2500	1	2000	...	475	1	15	80	45	...	12	17	45	8	50	
Bristol and Butler.....	7	58	...	1			2	3800	1	1200	...	...	12	15	100	75	...	12	10	1	36	
Claremont.....	1	39	...		2		2	4000	1	1200	...	475	1	15	15	100	70	...	17	15	15	60	
Conde.....	1	67	1			9	1	1800	1	600	53	...	19	19	100	70	...	17	17	15	45		
Devoe.....	50				4		1	800	1	1050	50	...	31	31	136	83	...	17	17	15	60		
Doland and Frankfort.....	16	114	1	1	2	6	2	3700	1	1000	100	...	28	28	184	149	...	26	26	15	96		
Frederick.....	5	43	...	1		2	3	4200	1	1200	150	...	20	20	115	60	...	15	15	35	67		
Groton.....	7	112	...		1	7	2	5000	1	2000	353	426	161	3	15	197	130	11	13	13	5	87	
Hecla.....	30						1	1600	1	400	150	15	15	1	15	5	30	20	3	4	12		
Herreid and MoundCity.....	28		1	6	6	2	2	5000	1	600	150	15	15	1	14	8	50	40	5	5	30		
Langford.....	8	69	...		6	3	2	2000	1	650	50	50	30	2	14	16	50	40	14	14	35		
Leola.....	7	35	...		2	5	1	2000	...	40	390	40	390	4	18	65	50	...	6	6	35	44	
Mellette.....	27		1				1	1500	1	1200	175	1	14	14	94	80	...	6	6	40	98		
Northville.....	5	90	2	6	2	1	1	2000	1	1500	5	100	140	2	18	95	74	...	2	20	2	60	
Selby.....	18	43	2	14	6	6	1	1000	1	450	10	425	1	13	13	80	59	11	11	20	75		
Warner.....	5	62					2	2300	1	400	10	10	1	16	16	80	56	6	6	6	37		
Total.....	128	1414	3	14	64	64	32	\$63900	19	\$21900	\$1346	\$1271	\$2571	43	346	2321	1498	11	249	548	56	\$1293	

Statistics No. 3

ABERDEEN DISTRICT

E. P. HALL, Presiding Elder

Name of Charge	Name of Pastor	Pastor's Support						Deficiencies	Support of Presiding Elders	Support of Bishops	Total support pastors, presiding elders and bishops	Conference Claimants	Current Expenses					
		Claims			Receipts								Recd from	Other sources	Total			
		Salary	House rent	Total	Salary	House rent	Total											
Aberdeen.....	J. W. Taylor.....	\$ 2000	\$ 360	\$ 2360	\$ 2200	\$ 360	\$ 2560	...	\$ 200	\$ 200	\$ 2775	\$ 12	\$...	\$ 12	\$ 250			
Andover.....	J. A. Lemery.....	400	400	800	400	400	800	...	35	32	432	3	3	3	25			
Ashton.....	D. S. Kerr.....	700	150	850	700	150	850	...	60	60	916	5	10	15	45			
Bath and Columbia.....	G. W. Hickman.....	700	100	800	550	100	650	150	64	54	704	10	5	10	50			
Bowdle.....	L. A. McCulloch.....	375	75	450	400	75	475	...	36	36	514	5	5	5	50			
Britton.....	W. D. Deeble.....	825	175	1000	825	175	1000	...	70	70	1075	25	25	25	50			
Bristol and Butler.....	E. E. Smith.....	688	150	838	688	150	838	...	68	68	911	3	8	8	75			
Claremont.....	C. O. Walker.....	515	96	611	515	96	611	...	50	50	663	3	3	3	75			
Conde.....	J. M. Hunter.....	585	80	665	585	80	665	...	55	55	727	10	10	10	45			
Devoe.....	Frank L. Bromaghim.....	450	80	530	423	80	503	27	43	45	554	12	12	12	60			
Doland and Frankfort.....	L. L. Layne.....	650	100	750	650	100	750	...	65	65	821	19	19	19	90			
Frederick.....	A. M. Ward.....	600	100	700	600	100	700	...	60	55	762	18	18	18	67			
Groton.....	L. L. Lane.....	800	150	950	800	150	950	...	64	64	1021	20	20	20	87			
Hecla.....	C. S. Royce.....	325	60	385	275	55	330	55	30	29	361	5	5	5	40			
Herreid and Mound City.....	O. A. Chittick.....	195	195	230	230	230	230	...	60	60	293	7	7	7	30			
Langford.....	E. O. Machamer.....	525	100	625	525	100	625	...	50	50	679	15	15	15	35			
Leola.....	N. S. Wilson.....	400	400	400	400	400	400	...	36	36	438	8	8	8	44			
Mellette.....	R. E. Tarleton.....	675	150	825	675	150	825	...	50	50	877	7	7	7	98			
Northville.....	J. E. Norvel.....	600	100	700	600	100	700	...	55	55	760	12	12	12	60			
Selby.....	N. P. Johnson.....	400	100	500	400	100	500	75	40	40	542	6	6	6	75			
Warner.....	E. E. Dean.....	450	50	500	375	50	425	75	45	45	475	8	8	8	37			
Grand Totals.....		\$12858	\$2176	\$15034	\$12816	\$2171	\$14987	\$307	\$1235	\$1219	\$85	\$94	\$16300	\$200	\$28	\$228	\$1618	\$1293

Statistics Nos. 1 and 2

HURON DISTRICT

C. E. HAGER, Presiding Elder

Name of Charge	Church Membership				Baptisms		Church Property					Sunday Schools										
	No. of probationers	No. of full members	Number of local preachers	No. of deaths	No. of children baptized	No. of adults baptized	No. of churches	Probable value	No. of parsonages	Probable value	Paid for building and imp'g churches and parsonages	Paid on old indebtedness on church property	Present indebtedness on church property	No. of schools	No. of officers and teachers	No. of scholars of all grades	Average attendance	No. of members in Home department Officers and teach'rs who are church members or probationers	No. scholars whether attendants or members in Home dept' who are ch. members or prob.	Members converted during year	Current expenses	
Alpena	15	142	1	3	5	12	2	\$ 4000	1	\$ 1200	\$ 1225	\$ 25	110	22	225	125	.....	.....	9	50	
Blunt.....	13	28	.....	.....	6	.....	1	500	1	1400	65	.....	110	8	22	18	.....	.....	10	10	
Burdette.....	9	38	.....	3	.....	.....	1	1000	1	1400	525	.....	110	80	50	40	.....	.....	28	28	
Cavour.....	9	75	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	2000	1	1000	.....	525	.....	12	17	85	15	30	17	65	
DeSmet.....	9	95	1	1	1	1	1	2500	1	1400	1000	800	400	25	7	25	.....	.....	7	33	
Faulkton.....	10	126	.....	.....	9	3	2	7500	1	1400	.....	.....	.....	25	7	240	150	23	125	120	
Forest City.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Stanley County.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Gettysburg.....	7	58	1	.....	4	13	.....	.....	1	600	25	.....	.....	1	12	12	12	15	30	17	65
Highmore.....	12	59	1	2	1	.....	1	2500	1	1000	255	.....	.....	16	50	16	18	21	73	12	25
Hitchcock.....	6	103	.....	.....	5	4	2	4000	1	2000	255	.....	.....	21	132	102	25	21	160	41	92
Huron.....	46	308	1	3	4	20	1	12000	1	2500	940	.....	.....	25	135	80	18	18	4	50	50
Iroquois.....	7	106	1	.....	1	.....	2	4000	1	1000	42	.....	.....	18	135	80	25	25	160	41	92
Lebanon.....	26	.....	.....	.....	1	1	1	2000	25	.....	25	.....	.....	8	40	25	6	6	20	15	15
Miller.....	142	.....	.....	2	14	3	2	4500	2	1700	350	325	.....	14	115	89	13	102	37	46	46
Okoboji.....	1	30	1	1	.....	.....	1	400	1	400	.....	.....	.....	12	25	20	8	7	.....	24	24
Pierre.....	15	124	1	3	2	4	1	4000	1	3000	130	.....	600	1	16	122	90	14	50	8	70
Redfield.....	7	135	3	1	2	18	1	15000	1	2500	.....	.....	.....	1	11	150	110	11	50	15	60
Tulare.....	5	46	.....	.....	4	3	2	4500	.....	300	300	.....	.....	1	10	80	45	10	20	.....	26
Wessington.....	3	65	1	.....	3	.....	1	1500	1	1000	225	104	3	15	70	50	7	35	3	35	35
Wessington Springs.....	15	170	1	5	1	6000	1	1500	50	1500	100	300	3	30	220	150	25	130	12	100
Winthrop.....	62	.....	1	4	2	3000	1	800	500	.....	100	10	100	90	100	90	10	62	50	50	50
Wolsey.....	2	50	1	.....	1	1	1	1800	1	1000	25	100	300	2	15	90	65	14	25	25	40
Totals.....	182	1988	13	20	70	83	28	\$82300	18	\$24000	\$4857	\$3050	\$2039	37	318	2349	1563	80	279	869	180	\$991

Statistics No. 3

HURON DISTRICT

C. E. HAGER, Presiding Elder

Name of Charge	Name of Pastor	Pastor's Support						Support of Presiding Elders	Support of Bishops	Total support pastors, presiding elders and bishops			Conference Claimants	Current Expenses				
		Claims			Receipts					Total	Deficiencies	Amount apportioned	Amount paid					
		Salary	House rent	Total	Salary	House rent	Total							Collections	Other sources			
Alpena	Pierce O. Bunt.....	\$ 800	\$ 120	\$ 920	\$ 800	\$ 120	\$ 920	\$ 80	\$ 80	\$ 10	\$ 10	\$ 10	\$ 24	\$ 75	\$ 50			
Blunt	C. J. Gall	478	72	550	478	72	550	55	55	4	1	606	10	10	10			
Burdette	A. L. Cathers	450	80	530	531	80	611	44	44	5	2	658	10	10	28			
Cavour	Olin Rifenbark			150			150					150						
DeSmet	Henry Preston	650	100	750	650	100	750		65	65	10	825	20	20	33			
Faulkton	Paul H. MacBeth	850	120	970	850	120	970		85	85	8	1063	25	25	200			
Forest City	J. W. A. Collins														120			
Stanley Co																		
Gettysburg	Francis J. Norton	600	100	700	420	100	520	180	45	45	5	570	18	18	65			
Highmore	Chas. O. Thibodeau	375	25	400	375	25	400		32	32	6	438	9	9	75			
Hitchcock	O. A. Phillips	371	175	546	546	175	721		36	36	6	763	16	10	52			
Huron	Duane Rifenbark	1200	150	1350	1200	150	1350		120	120	15	1485	36	36	435			
Iroquois	W. E. Hartung	650	100	750	660	100	760		65	65	6	831	20	20	135			
Lebanon	G. W. Austin	320	42	362	330	42	372		32	32		404			15			
Miller	D. E. Murray	800	150	950	927	150	1077		70	73	6	1156	5	3	81			
Okoboji	C. C. Boslaugh	437	48	485	437	48	485		43	43	3	531	12	12	24			
Pierre	G. T. Notson	870	300	1170	870	300	1170		75	75	9	1254	17	17	163			
Redfield	A. D. Thibodeau	1000	250	1250	1000	250	1250		90	90	10	1350	27	27	200			
Tulare	O. A. Phillips	150	.....	150	150	.....	150		20	20	6	176	8	3	28	
Wessington	James T. Gurney	525	100	625	525	100	625		52	52	4	681	10	10	50			
Wessington Springs	James Crowther	800	150	950	985	150	1135		80	80	12	1227	24	24	100			
Winthrop	B. F. Stiles	610	72	682	550	72	622	60	61	61	7	688	5	5	40			
Wolsey	A. B. Shepherd	680	120	800	631	80	711	89	68	61	7	728	5	5	40			
Grand Totals.....		\$12616	\$2274	\$14890	\$13065	\$2234	\$15299	\$229	\$1218	\$1214	\$142	\$131	\$16594	\$291	\$16	\$307	\$1970	\$991

Statistics Nos. 1 and 2

MITCHELL DISTRICT

J. O. DOBSON, Presiding Elder

Name of Charge	Ch'h Memb'ship			Baptisms			Church Property			Sunday Schools											
	No. of probationers	No. of full members	Number of local preachers	No. of baptised	No. of children baptised	No. of adults baptised	No. of churches	Probable value	No. of parsonages	Paid for building and imp'g churches and parsonages	Paid on old indebtedness on church property	Present indebtedness on church property	No. of schools	No. of officers and teachers	No. of scholars of all grades	Average attendance	No. of members in Home depart'mt.	Officers and teachers who are ch'h members or probationers	No. scholars whether attendants or members in Home dep't who are ch. members or prob.	Members converted during year	Current expenses
Arlington	5	201	...	2	3	3	1	\$ 5500	1	\$ 2150	...	...	28	230	140	30	28	25	100	59
Artesian	11	86	...	1	1	1	1	2500	1	2000	130	75	155	87	87	60	10	20	20	50	
Armour	1	50	...	1	1	1	1	3500	1	1500	550	40	122	11	85	47	2	2	2	28	
Bridgewater	57	57	1	1	2	2	1	2500	...	55	...	23	...	100	75	...	...	...	...	28
Bard	61	60	1	2	2	2	2	4000	1	1000	25	125	...	10	60	50	...	...	...	65
Canistota	2	64	...	2	8	3	1	3000	1	1500	35	30	550	50	110	75	...	...	...	70
Chamberlain	7	64	...	1	1	1	1	3500	1	1500	150	550	...	10	60	40	...	...	...	17
Chandler and LaRoche	3	32	...	1	1	1	1	2000	...	35	30	50	...	10	12	11	...	...	...	60
Delmont	15	50	...	1	1	2	2	4000	...	500	30	...	...	25	16	110	73	35	34	64
Dudley Circuit	2	34	...	2	2	1	1	1200	...	200	...	...	...	16	35	35	...	30	30	16
Ethan	1	49	...	3	2	2	1	2100	...	54	60	...	...	12	40	35	...	10	10	30
Fairfax	20	20	...	1	1	1	1	2200	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	1	...	...	...	24
Fairview and Farmer	4	1	...	1	1	1	2	3200	1	600	...	...	15	100	100	15	...	...	15	60
Fulton	12	50	...	1	1	2	2	4500	1	2500	150	1250	...	12	120	85	...	25	25	25	
Geddes	3	36	...	1	5	3	3	6000	1	900	95	...	...	19	160	90	10	25	25	27
Howard	60	60	1	1	1	1	1	2000	1	800	72	138	116	5	30	25	5	1	1	20	
Kimball	1	35	...	1	1	1	1	2000	1	800	72	138	116	18	110	62	15	29	29	32	
Letcher	3	53	...	1	1	1	1	2000	1	800	72	138	116	18	110	62	15	1	1	20	
Lyman County Mission	1	32	5	1	1	29	1	8000	1	4000	800	800	6	30	150	120	15	150	25	70	
Mitchell	43	552	5	4	5	5	1	8000	1	4000	...	800	1	31	350	218	30	30	150	150	
Mt. Vernon	1	73	...	1	1	5	1	3000	1	3000	20	...	1	15	100	65	15	...	...	50
Parkston	2	15	...	1	1	1	1	2100	...	100	...	...	1	6	50	35	2	...	20	
Plankinton	2	58	...	1	1	1	1	3000	1	2000	21	278	150	1	17	140	95	16	...	71	
Platte	5	156	1	2	12	9	2	4600	1	1600	75	350	2	24	142	111	23	5	80		
Salem	7	71	...	2	6	1	1	2800	1	2000	118	...	1	12	160	75	11	30	55		
Scotland	7	78	...	2	19	2	1	4500	1	1500	25	300	1	14	114	60	13	30	7	40	
Springfield	32	32	2	2	1	2	2	2500	1	1000	150	...	500	1	10	45	30	10	15	56	
Tyndall	1	75	3	1	1	1	1	6700	1	1000	3353	...	...	1	9	70	49	9	1	30
Tripp	20	51	...	3	1	1	1	2200	1	500	...	...	1	5	75	41	5	100	20	
White Lake	3	52	...	1	5	4	1	3000	1	800	500	482	1	14	165	100	14	100	58	115	
Woonsocket	31	162	...	2	5	4	1	3000	1	1700	500	482	51	441	3337	2218	30	366	604	181	
Totals.....	189	2409	10	32	79	77	38	\$99100	21	\$33350	\$7303	\$4016	\$1896	51	441	3337	2218	30	366	604	\$1532

Statistics No. 3

MITCHELL DISTRICT

J. O. DOBSON, Presiding Elder

Name of Charge	Name of Pastor	Pastor's Support						Support of Presiding Elders	Support of Bishops	Conference Claimants	Current Expenses						
		Claims		Receipts		Total	Deficiencies										
		Salary	House rent	Salary	House rent												
Alexandria	E. S. Chappell	\$1100	\$150	\$1250	\$1100	\$150	\$1250	\$100	\$14	\$10	\$1360	\$35	\$35	\$175	\$100		
Artesian	J. C. Baker	800	200	1000	800	200	1000	80	9	9	1089	25	25	183	59		
Armour	C. L. Fillebrown	700	150	850	700	150	850	40	44	5	895	5	5	100	50		
Bridgewater	A. J. Oliver	400	.....	400	251	.....	251	149	40	28	279	.....	.....	.....	28
Bard	J. A. McDonald	500	.....	500	438	.....	438	62	50	44	486	10	10	52	28
Canistota	I. B. Sey ...	550	110	660	550	110	660	50	45	6	707	7	7	65	65		
Chamberlain	Ernest Holgate	700	200	900	700	200	900	70	60	8	966	12	12	154	70		
Chandler and LaRoche	J. H. Close	400	.....	400	239	.....	239	161	40	40	283	10	10	10	17
Delmont	L. A. McDonald	700	100	800	700	100	800	70	57	6	859	5	5	100	60		
Dudley Circuit	Wm. Mason	386	.....	386	386	.....	386	38	28	4	418	7	7	26	64
Ethan	H. H. Weak	300	.....	300	373	.....	373	30	30	4	407	10	10	43	16
Fairfax	G. J. Corwin	400	48	448	362	48	410	38	40	20	432	9	9	55	30		
Fairview	John Wood	154	.....	154	154	.....	154	6	6	2	160	.....	.....	24	24
Fulton	J. H. Kearton	700	.....	700	700	.....	700	70	70	7	777	14	14	70	60
Geddes	James E. Lombard	780	160	940	780	160	940	70	70	.....	1010	5	5	130	25	
Howard	John Kaye	700	120	820	700	120	820	70	70	5	895	16	16	93	27		
Kimball	O. Boyd Jones	275	41	316	291	41	332	33	39	5	373	3	3	20	20		
Letcher	Walter S. Scott	520	96	616	520	96	616	52	43	6	661	3	3	29	32		
Lyman Co. Mission	I. P. Potter	350	.....	350	350	.....	350	.....	.....	2	350	.....	.....	70	70
Mitchell	H. S. Wilkinson	1400	360	1760	1400	360	1760	140	140	20	20	1920	42	42	397	150	
Mt. Vernon	Lachlin MacLean	820	300	1120	820	300	1120	60	60	8	8	1188	25	25	100	50	
Parkston	C. Mayne Knight	300	.....	300	233	.....	233	67	30	26	.....	259	.....	35	20
Plankinton	A. P. Janes	650	150	800	650	150	800	50	50	5	855	20	20	110	71		
Platte	W. A. Greene	900	170	1070	900	170	1070	85	85	10	1165	25	25	158	80		
Salem	G. D. Brown	900	200	1100	900	200	1100	80	80	9	1189	21	21	150	55		
Scotland	A. W. Thurston	750	120	870	750	120	870	70	70	9	949	21	21	109	40		
Springfield	T. H. Hendricks	550	120	670	550	120	670	55	57	5	732	12	12	58	56		
Tyndall	E. T. Underwood	500	100	600	502	100	602	50	50	5	657	8	8	83	80		
Tripp	R. N. Kratz .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
White Lake	C. E. Logsdon	500	100	600	409	100	509	91	50	26	6	538	8	8	50	20	
Woonsocket	Joel Smith	1000	200	1200	1000	200	1200	100	50	12	12	1262	25	25	271	115	
Grand Totals		\$18685	\$3195	\$21880	\$18208	\$3195	\$21403	\$568	\$1719	\$1568	\$159	\$154	\$23121	\$362	\$362	\$2726	\$1532

Statistics Nos. 1 and 2
SIOUX FALLS DISTRICT
J. P. JENKINS, Presiding Elder

Name of Charge	Church Membership				Baptisms		Church Property						Sunday Schools									
	No. of probationers	No. of full members	Number of local preachers	No. of deaths	No. of children baptized	No. of adults baptized	No. of churches	Probable value	No. of personages	Probable value	Paid for building and imp'g churches and personages	Paid on old indebtedness on church property	Present indebtedness on church property	No. of schools	No. of officers and teachers	No. of scholars of all grades	Average attendance	No. of members in Home depart'mt	Officers and teach'r's who are chur'ch members or probationers	No. scholars whoth- or attendants or members in Home dep't who are ch. members or prob.	Members converted during year	Current expenses
Alcester.....	2	83	1	1	8	7	2	\$ 3000	1	\$ 1200	\$ 80	\$ 225	\$ 30	* 1	10	40	25	...	...	...	24
Bloomingdale, Richland	41	1	1	1	2	2	2	2400	...	1200	145	*	2	18	85	60	...	...	...	35	
Beresford.....	7	77	2	1	4	4	1	3000	1	1200	1200	*	1	20	108	108	...	...	...	65	
Canton.....	255	2	1	1	1	1	1	4000	1	4000	123	84	1200	* 1	16	150	140	...	...	...	140
Centerville.....	6	86	1	1	7	7	2	4500	1	1000	100	245	700	...	23	145	90	...	...	...	70
Colman.....	9	66	1	1	7	7	1	3500	1	1500	100	600	400	...	20	173	94	...	...	...	42
Colton Circuit.....	6	59	2	1	1	1	1	1000	1	1000	600	...	...	1	7	55	35	...	...	...	20
Davis.....	38	1	1	1	1	1	1	2000	...	1	250	600	1	12	36	30	...	...	...	42	
Dell Rapids.....	4	88	2	1	5	5	1	3000	1	1600	100	250	600	1	9	109	62	...	...	...	136
Egan.....	3	50	1	1	1	1	1	1200	1	1600	65	...	465	1	19	85	60	5	...	...	36
Elk Point.....	6	53	1	1	1	1	1	4500	1	1500	230	...	200	1	12	120	55	...	...	...	85
Flandreau.....	19	128	1	1	4	4	1	5000	1	3000	255	212	788	2	20	150	109	...	...	...	75
Flandreau Circuit.....	3	37	1	1	2	2	1	1000	...	1	1000	...	...	1	5	50	35	...	...	...	16
Garretson.....	29	1	1	1	1	1	1	1000	...	1	300	1	1	7	45	35	...	...	...	20	
Gayville.....	6	90	1	1	3	3	3	5000	1	1300	100	...	250	3	25	135	115	...	...	...	60
Harrisburg.....	3	75	1	1	5	5	1	2500	1	1200	200	...	...	3	18	170	150	20	17	53	150
Hartford.....	6	94	1	1	8	1	1	4500	1	1600	1000	...	180	1	19	173	132	...	...	...	127
Hudson.....	1	54	2	1	6	1	2	4000	1	1500	400	352	500	2	18	100	60	...	...	...	35
Hurley.....	3	80	2	1	6	14	2	2800	1	1000	...	...	...	2	23	125	100	...	...	...	75
Irene.....	1	12	1	1	1	1	1	1500	...	1	65	...	148	1	8	50	35	...	...	...	23
Lennox.....	5	30	1	1	6	21	1	1500	1	1000	30	27	...	2	20	130	110	10	...	...	42
Madison.....	43	232	4	4	6	21	1	3000	1	1500	1	23	250	140	25	22	50	100	150
Marion.....	22	1	1	1	1	1	1	2000	...	1	1800	175	52	475	1	5	25	18	18
Montrose.....	1	81	1	1	6	2	1	2600	1	1800	175	52	475	2	14	110	70	...	...	...	35
Parker.....	3	125	1	1	4	1	1	6600	1	2000	50	...	350	1	16	197	126	...	...	...	65
Sioux Falls, 1st church.....	50	448	1	3	4	1	1	17000	1	5000	200	400	1600	1	48	475	310	50	48	...	286	
Sioux Falls, Jordan ch.....	11	117	1	9	9	...	2	3000	...	...	90	185	250	2	21	165	100	...	21	...	35
Valley Springs.....	8	78	1	1	1	1	3	6100	...	110	33	175	3	20	125	90	...	15	45	...	40	
Vermillion.....	21	270	1	3	6	29	1	12000	1	3000	136	...	750	1	24	260	153	...	23	160	45	130
Wakonda.....	5	70	1	1	1	1	2	2000	2	2500	56	260	1000	1	7	50	35	...	7	35	10	25
Worthing.....	34	1	2	2	8	10	1	1800	...	3000	...	...	860	2	27	100	80	...	7	...	24
Yankton.....	30	198	1	2	8	10	1	15000	1	1800	3000	2	27	300	150	...	27	180	25	150
Totals.....	262	3200	14	26	101	107	43	131000	25	\$43800	\$7165	\$2325	\$11366	50	541	4311	2789	100	476	1090	279	\$2284

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Statistics No. 3

SIOUX FALLS DISTRICT

J. P. JENKINS, Presiding Elder

Name of Charge	Name of Pastor	Pastor's Support						Support of Presiding Elders	Support of Bishops	Conference Claimants	Current Expenses						
		Claims			Receipts												
		Salary	House rent	Total	Salary	House rent	Total	Deficiencies	Amount apportioned	Amount paid	Amount apportioned	Amount paid					
Alcester	L. V. Slocumb	\$720	\$150	\$870	\$720	\$150	\$870	\$	\$52	\$52	\$6	\$118	\$75	\$24			
Bloomingdale-Richland	H. J. Calkins	360	360	360	360	360	360	23	28	28	1	389	23	35			
Beresford	A. Jamieson	625	120	745	625	120	745	55	55	55	5	804	16	65			
Canton	A. S. Loveall	1100	300	1400	1100	300	1400	92	92	92	15	1507	20	140			
Centerville	W. A. Wilkinson	800	120	920	800	120	920	70	70	70	8	998	16	70			
Colman	R. J. VanDerVoort	700	125	825	660	125	785	40	56	56	12	848	13	50			
Colton Ct	G. W. Prather	700	120	820	700	120	820	220	36	36	4	860	8	20			
Davis	J. W. Lucas	700	—	700	480	—	480	—	—	—	5	485	10	42			
Dell Repids	John Jones	700	150	850	700	150	850	—	64	64	10	924	12	136			
Egan	W. F. Minty	650	150	800	650	150	800	—	54	54	7	858	12	36			
Elk Point	W. B. Stewart	—	—	—	530	150	680	—	*40	40	7	723	7	85			
Flandreau	William A. Cave	1000	250	1250	1060	250	1250	—	75	75	10	1335	10	*75			
*Flandreau Ct	D. C. Arms	180	—	180	132	—	132	48	40	40	1	172	2	16			
Garretson	Louis W. Scott	475	125	600	350	125	475	125	32	24	4	503	5	20			
Gayville	H. P. Eberhart	720	100	820	720	100	820	—	64	64	6	890	20	60			
Harrisburg	S. H. Shurtliff	560	100	660	490	100	590	70	45	42	8	640	9	150			
Hartford	W. O. Redfield	650	125	775	650	125	775	—	40	40	10	810	20	127			
Hudson	H. L. Hastings	600	150	750	486	150	636	114	32	32	6	669	2	35			
Hurley	William P. Slocum	650	100	750	603	100	703	47	50	50	6	759	11	75			
Irene	William Bartle	—	—	—	470	—	470	—	24	24	2	496	4	23			
Lennox	W. E. Shugg	530	120	650	580	120	700	—	40	40	4	744	10	42			
Madison	F. T. Krueger	1000	180	1180	1000	180	1180	—	90	90	13	1283	38	150			
Marion	F. N. Churchill	—	—	—	300	—	300	—	28	28	4	330	5	18			
Montrose	Hudson W. Smith	620	120	740	534	120	654	86	40	40	6	697	6	35			
Parker	J. B. Dibble	900	150	1050	900	150	1050	—	74	74	12	1136	25	65			
Sioux Falls, 1st Church	John Ogden Winner	1600	600	2200	1600	600	2200	—	150	150	25	2376	136	286			
Sioux Falls, Jordan Ch.	R. B. Beavis	825	—	825	825	—	825	—	60	60	8	891	15	35			
Valley Springs	L. R. Keckler	550	66	616	550	66	616	—	38	38	4	658	—	40			
Vermillion	A. C. Shepherd	1300	240	1540	1300	240	1540	—	104	104	16	1660	42	130			
Wakonda	Wallace I. Torbert	720	150	870	720	150	870	—	46	46	5	920	5	40			
Worthing	Jno. N. Oakley	500	—	500	400	—	400	100	36	36	4	437	1	24			
Yankton	G. W. Rosenberry	1000	200	1200	1000	200	1200	—	68	68	8	1276	15	150			
Grand Total		\$21435	\$4011	\$25446	\$21935	\$4161	\$26096	\$850	\$1723	\$1712	\$240	\$209	\$28006	\$514	\$514	\$4320	\$2284

*Minutes of 1904.

Statistics Nos. 1 and 2

WATERTOWN DISTRICT

W. I. GRAHAM, Presiding Elder

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Name of Charge	Church Membership				Baptisms		Church Property				Sunday Schools											
	No. of probationers	No. of full members	Number of local preachers	No. of deaths	No. of children baptized	No. of adults baptized	No. of churches	Probable value	No. of parsonages	Probable value	Paid for building and imp'g churches and parsonages	Paid on old indebtedness on church property	Present indebtedness on church property	No. of schools	No. of officers and teachers	No. of scholars of all grades	Average attendance	No. of members in Home department	Officers and teach'rs who are chur'ch members or probationers	No. scholars whether attendants or members in Home dep't who are ch. members or prob.	Members converted during year	Current expenses
Arlington	5	84	.	2	3	1	\$3000	1	\$1000	\$.	130	650	5912	1	16	130	86	40	48	15	\$124	
Aurora and Elkton	15	37	1	1	7	1	2350	1	1500	\$.	200	105	229	1	23	135	123	10	18	5	95	
Big Stone City	11	96	1	1	6	1	4500	1	600	184	100	400	180	1	15	124	94	15	6	20	90	
Bradley	6	65	1	2	6	2	2500	1	600	184	100	400	180	1	9	80	62	19	125	5	44	
Brookings	21	232	2	3	3	2	22000	2	4400	9338	1	5912	140	1	20	260	140	19	125	67	67	
Bruce	22	1	.	.	1	1	1500	1	100	100	1	100	100	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Castlewood	38	25	.	.	3	1	2000	1	100	100	1	100	100	1	12	65	38	12	13	5	60	
Clark	1	148	.	.	1	1	8000	1	2000	100	1	350	100	1	14	150	80	50	3	3	75	
Clear Lake	4	53	2	.	10	3	1	2000	1	1700	170	100	400	100	1	11	100	70	11	25	10	50
Corona and Wilmot	2	53	2	.	5	1	4400	1	2200	105	100	229	100	2	18	97	67	18	23	24	62	
Garden City	21	117	1	2	3	1	900	1	1000	40	1	700	300	3	23	130	74	20	45	40	65	
Gary	2	85	.	.	1	1	2	3800	1	1600	1	700	300	3	24	108	60	20	20	45	40	
Hazel	14	109	1	1	12	12	2	4000	1	2000	125	1	21	200	1	12	65	38	30	30	75	
Henry	12	102	.	1	12	5	2	4000	1	1500	235	1	24	150	1	12	115	95	13	120	10	85
Kampeska	2	28	1	.	1	12	5	4	1	1500	150	1	24	150	1	12	115	45	6	17	10	16
Lake Preston	6	70	1	2	3	1	1500	1	800	1	100	80	1	12	89	65	11	23	20	34		
Milbank	12	140	.	1	10	1	10000	1	1800	167	109	400	1	24	270	160	47	20	115	20	84	
Sisseton	6	74	.	2	9	3	1	2300	1	1300	1	340	1	21	190	104	13	60	8	90		
Summit	6	23	.	.	4	1	16000	1	3600	1900	1	2000	1	1	11	110	.	.	.	.	.
Watertown	15	367	.	3	25	6	1	3600	1	3500	1200	200	250	2	84	335	201	95	30	190	15	210
Webster	27	123	.	1	1	1	1	3500	1	1200	200	1	18	9	1	50	41	9	50	15	54	
White	11	150	.	1	2	11	2	4000	1	1200	100	1	17	150	1	12	120	15	18	100	30	75
White Rock	21	155	4	.	15	35	1	2500	1	1500	1	1080	1080	2	30	223	170	30	150	50	106	
Waubay	23	1	1	5	5	1	1500	1	1000	1	1800	1	1	9	40	30	6	7	7	24		
*Willow Lake	3	32	.	2	5	1	1000	1	1000	1	1800	1	1	5	30	25	3	3	3	25		
Vienna	20	1	1	.	1	1	1	1800	1	1800	1	1	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.
Totals.....	255	2443	15	26	132	121	33	110550	20	\$29900	\$13126	\$314	\$12311	44	432	3461	2150	167	399	1198	298	\$1705

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Statistics No. 3

WATERTOWN DISTRICT

W. I. GRAHAM, Presiding Elder

Name of Charge	Name of Pastor	Pastor's Support						Support of Presiding Elders	Support of Bishops	Total support pastors, presiding elders and bishops.	Conference Claimants	Current Expenses				
		Claims		Receipts		Total	Deficiencies									
		Salary	House rent	Salary	House rent		Amount apportioned	Amount paid	Amount apportioned	Amount paid	Collections	Other sources	Total			
Arlington.....	A. C. McLean.....	\$800	\$100	\$900	\$100	\$900	\$8	\$80	\$80	\$88	\$20	\$20	\$100	\$134		
Aurora and Elkton.....	N. S. Sanderson.....	425	425	440	440	440	4	42	37	4	481	7	70	95		
Big Stone City.....	W. C. Ehlers.....	660	150	810	660	150	66	66	66	10	886	23	125	90		
Bradley.....	Wm. Barrie.....	600	100	700	563	100	663	37	60	55	722	5	75	44		
Brookings.....	Geo. F. Hopkins.....	1100	300	1400	1100	300	1400	110	110	23	1520	12	531	67		
Bruce.....	H. J. Kittlekamp.....	400	400	400	400	400	45	40	32	2	432	1	60	60		
Castlewood.....	S. M. Davis.....	350	350	305	305	305	45	35	15	8	320	24	175	75		
Clark.....	W. L. Meinzer.....	800	240	1040	800	240	1040	80	80	8	1128	24	100	50		
Clear Lake.....	J. T. Allen.....	500	150	650	500	150	650	50	50	5	700	11	89	62		
Corona and Wilmot.....	E. E. Saxton.....	650	100	750	650	100	750	65	65	5	820	2	85	65		
Garden City.....	L. W. Darling.....	625	125	750	625	125	750	61	62	4	816	20	47	40		
Gary.....	H. K. Wallis.....	600	100	700	625	100	725	60	60	9	794	10	100	75		
Hazel.....	O. M. Hyde.....	610	180	790	610	180	790	61	61	8	859	18	18	85		
Henry.....	B. W. McEldowney.....	700	150	850	700	150	850	70	70	10	930	20	85	85		
Kampeska.....	Wm. F. Wellington.....	500	100	600	500	100	600	40	40	6	640	10	100	16		
Lake Preston.....	E. E. Simmons.....	575	100	675	575	100	675	57	55	7	736	10	10	34		
Milbank.....	S. A. Chappell.....	900	150	1050	900	150	1050	90	90	12	1152	25	275	84		
Sisseton.....	F. B. Dunn.....	800	150	950	800	150	950	80	80	7	1037	10	10	90		
Summit.....	D. C. McLean.....	500	500	500	500	500	500	50	50	8	550	34	725	210		
Watertown.....	W. S. Shepherd.....	1300	300	1600	1300	300	1600	130	130	12	1738	34	1	54		
Waubay.....	Paul G. Shepersky.....	400	400	375	375	375	25	40	34	4	410	1	29	55		
Webster.....	J. S. Harkness.....	1000	150	1150	1000	150	1150	100	100	12	1262	25	200	75		
White.....	Thos. Sanderson.....	775	150	925	775	150	925	77	77	7	1009	15	100	55		
White Rock.....	E. M. Isaac.....	700	154	854	700	154	854	70	70	7	928	50	86	106		
*Willow Lake.....	T. K. Holliday.....	400	75	475	400	75	475	40	40	5	520	10	54	24		
Vienna.....		180	180	180	180	180	18	18	2	200	10	20	25			
Grand Totals.....		\$16850	\$3024	\$19874	\$16783	\$3024	\$19807	\$107	\$1673	\$1627	\$159	\$144	\$21578	\$336	\$3344	\$1705

* Taken from Minutes of 1904.

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ABERDEEN DISTRICT

E. P. HALL, Presiding Elder

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Name of Charge	BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS																	
	Missions				Board of Church Extension				Sunday Sch'l Union				Tract Society					
	(a) Church	(b) Sunday School	(c) Special Gifts	Total	(a) Church	(b) Sunday School	(a) Church	(b) Sunday School	(a) Church	(b) Sunday School	(a) Public Educational Collection	(b) Children's Fund	American Bible Society	Woman's Foreign Missionary Society	Woman's Home Missionary Society	Total Other Benevolent Collections	General Conference Expenses	Grand Total
Aberdeen	\$ 590	\$ 10	\$.....	\$ 600	\$ 20	\$ 20	\$ 1	\$.....	\$ 1	\$.....	\$ 150	\$ 5	\$ 1	\$ 165	\$ 30	\$ 988		988
Andover.....	35	.....	.....	35	.....	.....	1	.....	1	.....	15	15	1	1	1	50	108	108
Ashton	54	6	.....	60	4	2	1	.....	1	.....	4	31	2	1	1	20	125	125
Bath and Columbia.....	60	5	.....	65	2	2	1	.....	1	.....	2	.....	2	1	1	58	134	134
Bowdle.....	10	10	.....	20	.....	.....	2	.....	2	.....	9	27	1	1	1	14	47	47
Britton.....	37	17	.....	54	6	2	1	.....	1	.....	3	3	1	1	1	20	123	123
Bristol and Butler.....	30	5	.....	35	5	2	1	.....	1	.....	3	20	1	1	1	9	85	85
Claremout.....	9	11	.....	20	1	1	1	.....	1	.....	7	11	1	1	1	6	51	51
Conde.....	24	43	.....	67	10	2	1	.....	1	.....	26	11	1	1	1	26	130	130
Devoe.....	70	.....	.....	70	5	1	1	.....	1	.....	4	26	1	1	1	33	157	157
Doland and Frankfort.....	53	22	15	90	5	5	1	.....	1	.....	4	66	1	1	1	12	282	477
Frederick.....	31	9	.....	20	5	2	1	.....	1	.....	4	20	1	1	1	1	25	100
Groton.....	95	.....	.....	95	7	2	2	.....	1	.....	8	27	1	1	1	8	83	240
Hecla.....	15	3	.....	18	2	2	1	.....	1	.....	3	11	1	1	1	3	24	55
Herreid and Mound City.....	35	.....	.....	35	3	1	1	.....	1	.....	2	15	1	1	1	50	108	108
Langford.....	108	10	.....	118	5	1	1	.....	1	.....	4	30	1	1	1	5	2	206
Leola.....	16	8	.....	24	3	2	1	.....	1	.....	3	8	2	2	2	35	6	81
Mellette.....	15	.....	.....	15	2	1	1	.....	1	.....	2	14	1	1	1	1	6	33
Northville.....	64	11	.....	75	6	1	1	.....	1	.....	30	16	1	1	1	38	1	170
Selby.....	26	.....	.....	26	3	1	1	.....	1	.....	10	7	1	1	1	1	22	53
Warner.....	61	6	.....	67	4	.....	1	.....	1	.....	10	7	1	1	1	1	22	122
Grand Total.....	\$1438	\$176	\$15	\$1629	\$102	\$25	\$5	\$22	\$93	\$490	\$102	\$31	\$395	\$33	\$661	\$5	\$3593	

Statistics No. 4

HURON DISTRICT

C. E. HAGER, Presiding Elder

Name of Charge	BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS																		Total
	Missions						Sunday Sch'lUnion						Tract Society						Total
	(a) Church	(b) Sunday School	(c) Special Gifts	Total	Board of Church Extension	(a) Church	(b) Sunday School	Tract Society	(a) Public Educational Collection	(b) Children's Fund	American Bible Society	Woman's Foreign Missionary Society	Woman's Home Missionary Society	Total Other Benevolent Collections	General Conference Expenses				
Alpena	\$ 99	\$ 19	\$ 25	\$ 143	\$ 10	\$ 2	\$ 3	\$ 2	\$ 88	\$ 53	\$ 6	\$ 14	\$ 32	\$ 271	\$ 271				
Blunt	10				10	1													55
Burdette	35			35	6	1													80
Cavour																			
DeSmet	95	5		100	9	2													459
Faulkton	110	20		130	10	2													229
Forest City	5			5															5
Stanley Co																			
Gettysburg	25	25		50	5	2													215
Highmore	29			29	7	1													73
Hitchcock	49	15	50	114	8	1													202
Huron	327	30		357	25	2													987
Iroquois	133			133	8	1													292
Lebanon	20			20															42
Miller	50			50	1														210
Okoboji	8			8	4	1													43
Pierre	94	10	50	154	5	2													378
Redfield	200			200	15	2													357
Tulare	36	10		46	1	1													88
Wessington	50			50	4	1													11
Wessington Springs	427	30	10	467	12	2													114
Winthrop	50	12		62	7	1													89
Wolsey	30			30	6	1													53
Grand Totals.....	\$1882	\$176	\$135	\$2193	\$144	\$22	\$9	\$23	\$128	\$589	\$70	\$23	\$448	\$1	\$1183	\$2	\$4835		

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Mitchell District

J. O. DOBSON, Presiding Elder

BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS

Name of Charge	BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS													
	Missions				Sunday Sch'l Union			Education				Total other benevolent collections		
	(a) Church	(b) Sunday Sch.	(c) Special gifts	Total	Board of Church Extension	(a) C	(b) Sunday School	Freedmen's Aid and Southern Educational Society	(a) Public Educational collection	(b) Children's fund	American Bible Soc'y	Woman's Foreign Missionary Society	Woman's Home Missionary Society	General Conference expenses	Total
Alexandria.....	\$ 102	\$ 23	\$ 265	\$ 390	\$ 8	\$ 1	\$ 1	\$ 15	\$ 107	\$ 8	\$ 150	\$ 120	\$ 801	\$ 801
Artesian.....	25	.....	25	50	1	1	1	50	.....	5	1	20	54	175
Armour.....	32	.....	32	64	1	1	1	10	.....	5	1	1	23	65
Bridgewater.....	55	6	11	100	5	1	1	25	20	20	7	1	21	42
Bard.....	53	47	100	100	2	1	1	20	15	20	6	13	1	151
Canistota.....	60	.....	60	60	2	1	1	20	15	20	6	4	102	102
Chamberlain.....	43	9	52	52	6	1	1	22	22	22	5	7	34	124
Chandler and LaRoche.....	33	5	38	38	4	1	1	22	22	22	5	2	11	88
Delmont.....	20	5	25	25	3	1	1	12	12	12	2	1	35	78
Dudley Circuit.....	14	7	21	21	2	1	1	15	15	15	7	1	12	57
Ethan.....	50	170	220	220	4	2	2	25	25	25	7	1	26	286
Fairfax.....	12	.....	12	12	2	1	1	25	25	25	7	1	32	51
Fairview.....	32	.....	32	32	4	2	2	3	3	3	5	1	1	39
Fulton.....	50	90	140	140	5	1	1	25	25	25	5	5	5	185
Geddes.....	7	.....	7	7	2	1	1	27	27	27	4	1	39	10
Howard.....	31	12	43	43	5	1	1	3	3	3	4	1	1	126
Kimball.....	9	.....	9	9	1	1	1	10	10	10	2	1	1	13
Letcher.....	31	.....	31	31	3	1	1	10	10	10	2	1	48	98
Mitchell.....	371	42	237	650	30	3	3	718	718	718	9	2	391	70
Mt. Vernon.....	66	19	85	85	10	1	1	23	23	23	6	5	6	1906
Parkston.....	36	.....	36	36	1	1	1	30	30	30	11	1	11	142
Plankinton.....	75	15	90	90	1	1	1	32	32	32	1	1	60	70
Platte.....	65	35	100	100	10	1	1	42	42	42	1	1	102	233
Salem.....	63	12	75	75	9	1	1	34	34	34	1	1	41	10
Scotland.....	98	22	120	120	9	1	1	35	35	35	3	1	114	224
Springfield.....	34	6	40	40	5	1	1	16	16	16	4	1	110	183
Tyndall.....	75	.....	75	75	5	1	1	4	4	4	1	1	28	115
Tripp.....	13	.....	13	13	1	1	1	4	4	4	1	1	17	17
White Lake.....	15	5	20	20	2	1	1	8	8	8	2	1	9	45
Woonsocket.....	101	20	121	121	12	2	1	28	28	28	1	1	51	260
Totals.....	\$1621	\$290	\$762	\$2673	\$154	\$18	\$18	\$158	\$1342	\$86	\$27	\$792	\$982	\$16251

Name of Charge	BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS																	
	Missions			Sunday Sch'l Union			Tract Society			American Bible Society			Woman's Foreign Missionary Society			Total Other Benevolent Collections		
	(a) Church	(b) Sunday School	(c) Special Gifts	Total	Board of Church Extension	(a) Church	(b) Sunday School	Tract Society	(a) Public Educational Collection	(b) Children's Fund	American Bible Society	Woman's Home Missionary Society	Total	Grand Total	Total	General Conference Expenses		
Alcester	\$ 34	\$ 6	\$ 6	\$ 34	\$ 5	\$ 6	\$ 6										94	
Bloomingdale-Richland	28	28	28	66	3	112	5	1	1	1	1	3	19	3	30	54	54	
Beresford	38	28		66	5	5	2	2	41	18	1	8	290	89	290	89	290	
Canton	102	10		100	5	5	2	2	44	18	1	19	63	19	258	258	258	
Centerville	64	36		60	4	5	2	2	44	22	1	42	119	119	119	119	119	
Colman	52	8		53	5	5	2	2	33	22	1	1	90	90	90	90	90	
Colton Ct	53			53	5	5	2	2	33	22	1	1	255	255	255	255	255	
Davis	50	5		55	5	5	2	2	33	22	1	1	98	98	98	98	98	
Dell Rapids	50	15		65	5	5	2	2	33	22	1	1	76	76	76	76	76	
Egan	62			62	5	5	2	2	33	22	1	1	261	261	261	261	261	
Elk Point	34	6		40	3	3	1	1	33	22	1	1	56	56	56	56	56	
Flandreau	92	3		95	3	3	1	1	33	22	1	1	38	38	38	38	38	
Flandreau Ct	32			32	3	3	1	1	33	22	1	1	106	106	106	106	106	
Garretson	29			29	3	3	1	1	33	22	1	1	24	24	24	24	24	
Gayville	55	54		109	6	4	3	3	33	22	1	1	141	141	141	141	141	
Harrisburg	40			40	3	3	1	1	33	22	1	1	59	59	59	59	59	
Hartford	100			100	7	1	1	1	33	22	1	1	269	269	269	269	269	
Hudson	28	6		34	3	3	1	1	33	22	1	1	12	12	12	12	12	
Hurley	60			60	5	5	1	1	33	22	1	1	29	29	29	29	29	
Irene	12	9		21	2	2	1	1	33	22	1	1	145	145	145	145	145	
Lennox	29	11		40	4	1	1	1	33	22	1	1	6	6	6	6	6	
Madison	178	40		218	14	8	1	5	10	63	1	148	33	33	33	33	33	
Marion	20			20	1			3	5	10	1	148	34	34	34	34	34	
Montrose	33	3		36	2	2	1	1	18	18	1	4	58	58	58	58	58	
Parker	100	25		125	10	5	7	7	40	55	1	36	38	38	38	38	38	
Sioux Falls, 1st Church	588	212		800	50	7	6	4	221	30	12	210	445	445	445	445	445	
Sioux Falls, Jordan Ch.	50	17		67	5	3	2	1	4	40	1	16	143	143	143	143	143	
Valley Springs	50			50	2	2	2	1	3	128	3	1	19	2	19	2	19	
Vermillion	257		150	407	20	6	2	4	18	128	2	93	153	153	153	153	153	
Wakonda	53	10		63	5			1	1	5	2	96	177	177	177	177	177	
Worthing	12			12	6			1	1	2	1	39	1	1	1	1	17	
Yankton	85	15		100	6			1	1	6	20	1	122	300	300	300	300	300
Grand Total	\$2470	\$513	\$150	\$3133	\$196	\$52	\$9	\$43	\$176	\$942	\$102	\$34	\$775	\$2	\$1778	\$14	\$7256	

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WATERTOWN DISTRICT

W. I. GRAHAM, Presiding Elder

Name of Charge	BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS																
	Missions			Sunday Sch'l Union			Tract Society			Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society			Education				
	(a) Church	(b) Sunday Sch.	(c) Special gifts	Total	Board of Church Extension	(a) Church	(b) Sunday School	Total	(a) Public Education	(b) Children's fund	Total	(a) Woman's Foreign Missionary Society	(b) Woman's Home Missionary Society	Total other benevolent collections	General Conference expenses	Total	
Arlington.....	\$ 55	\$ 20	\$	\$ 75	\$ 6	\$ 2	\$	\$	\$ 20	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$ 95	\$ 269		
Aurora and Elkton.....	25	10	.....	125	8	1	1	1	45	5	2	1	10	21	40	
Big Stone City.....	115	10	.....	125	5	1	1	1	45	32	3	15	15	26	25	
Bradley.....	25	.....	.....	25	.....	.....	.....	.....	7	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	25
Brookings.....	73	18	.....	91	5	1	1	1	32	3	3	15	15	26	196	
Bruce.....	2	.....	.....	2	1	1	1	1	.....	7	.....	.....	.....	.....	10
Castlewood.....	10	10	.....	10	1	1	1	1	.....	3	3	15	15	26	13
Clark.....	90	10	.....	100	10	1	1	1	74	2	1	36	36	40	273	
Clear Lake.....	20	.....	.....	20	1	1	1	2	4	1	1	1	1	4	33
Corona and Wilmot.....	43	17	.....	60	5	2	2	2	30	15	5	2	2	58	163	
Garden City.....	26	15	.....	41	5	2	2	2	15	5	7	1	1	30	174	
Gary.....	50	.....	.....	50	5	4	4	4	5	2	1	62	62	7	74
Hazel.....	100	.....	.....	100	6	6	6	6	45	50	50	1	1	136	392
Henry.....	110	2	.....	112	9	2	2	3	65	6	6	27	27	63	298	
Kampeska.....	5	.....	.....	5	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	16
Lake Preston.....	25	.....	.....	25	5	1	1	1	10	2	1	17	17	53	114
Milbank.....	80	30	15	125	6	1	1	1	60	25	3	90	90	170	459		
Sisseton.....	45	15	.....	60	4	1	1	1	25	11	2	41	41	65	200	
Summit.....	15	.....	.....	15	.....	.....	.....	1	11	2	2	1	1	2	28
Watertown.....	200	28	.....	228	11	2	2	2	140	10	1	230	230	356	990	
Webster.....	66	10	.....	75	5	1	1	2	15	2	2	34	34	110	252	
White.....	97	3	.....	100	5	1	1	1	33	4	1	14	14	2	166	
White Rock.....	365	35	.....	400	4	2	1	1	68	4	4	543	543	1030	9	
Waubay.....	6	.....	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
*Willow Lake.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Vienna.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Grand Totals.....	\$1627	\$233	\$15	\$1875	\$106	\$25	\$5	\$23	\$105	\$711	\$95	\$19	\$703	\$23	\$1777	\$3	\$5469

STATISTICAL SUMMARY, DAKOTA CONFERENCE, FOR 1905

Name of District	CHURCH MEMBERSHIP				No. of Children Baptised	SUNDAY SCHOOLS			CHURCH PROPERTY							Total Support Pastors Presiding Elders and Bishops
	No. of Probationers	No. of Full Members	No. of Local Preachers	No. of Deaths		No. of Schools	No. of Officers and Teachers	No. of Scholars	No. of Churches	Probable Value	No. of Parsonages	Probable Value	Paid for building and improving Churches and Parsonages	Paid on old indebtedness on Ch'rch Property	Present Indebtedness on Ch'rch Property	
Aberdeen—																
1904	151	1405	1	22	107	38	315	2161	32	\$ 61800	19	\$ 20350	\$ 4366	\$ 1294	\$ 3370	\$ 15192
1905	128	1414	3	14	123	43	346	2321	32	63900	19	21900	1346	1271	2571	16300
	-23	9	2	6	8	5	31	160	.....	2100	.....	1550	-3020	-23	-799	1108
Huron—																
1904	189	1757	8	21	107	37	318	2299	29	76550	19	21100	12421	2933	5891	14913
1905	182	1988	13	20	155	37	318	2349	28	82300	18	24000	4857	3050	2039	16594
	-7	231	5	-1	46	.....	.....	50	-1	5750	-1	2900	-7564	117	-3852	1681
Mitchell—																
1904.....	233	2191	13	18	190	47	451	3241	37	90300	21	31950	13428	2210	8074	21420
1905.....	189	2409	10	32	158	51	441	3387	38	99100	21	33350	7303	4016	1896	23121
	-44	218	-3	14	-34	4	-10	96	1	8800	.....	1400	-6125	1806	-6178	1701
Sioux Falls—																
1904.....	312	3129	13	45	207	50	537	4416	43	131550	24	43600	10031	2811	12162	26965
1905.....	262	3200	14	26	208	50	541	4311	43	131000	25	43800	7165	2325	11866	28006
	-50	71	1	-19	1	.....	4	-105	.....	-550	1	200	-2866	-486	-796	1041
Watertown—																
1904.....	212	2302	6	18	124	42	400	2970	32	82600	20	28760	12874	1779	4711	20344
1905.....	255	2443	15	26	253	44	432	3451	33	110551	20	29900	13126	314	12311	21578
	43	141	9	8	129	2	32	481	1	27950	.....	3140	252	-1465	7600	1234
Grand Total—																
1904.....	1097	10784	41	124	748	214	2022	15087	173	442800	103	143700	53120	11027	34208	98834
1905.....	1016	11454	55	118	808	225	2078	15819	174	486350	103	152950	33797	10976	30183	105599
	-81	670	14	-6	150	11	57	732	1	44050	.....	9250	-19323	-57	-4025	6765

TREASURER'S REPORT, DAKOTA CONFERENCE, SUMMARY BY DISTRICTS, 1905

Names of Districts	Missionary Society	Church Extension	Sunday School Union	Tract Society	Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society	Education		American Bible Society	Woman's Foreign Missionary Society	Woman's Home Missionary Society	*Total other Benevolent Collections	General Conference Expenses	Conference Claimants	Episcopal Fund	Total Cash	
	(a) Public educational Collection	(b) Children's Fund														
Aberdeen—	\$ 1336	49	116	49	17	\$ 15	49	91	\$ 470	\$ 100	23	\$ 490	624	15	102	3710
	1904.....		101		28	21	49	92	475	99	29	445	535	5	96	3895
Huron—	1905.....		275	—15	11	6	1	5	—1	6	—45	—18	—89	—10	9	95
	1904.....	1428	93	18	16	79	385	55	16	331	1	1011	11	247	100	3788
Mitchell—	1905.....	2193	148	31	23	128	613	70	25	451	1	1083	12	294	130	5205
	1904.....	765	55	13	7	49	228	15	9	120	1	72	1	47	30	1417
Sioux Falls—	1905.....	2131	157	17	14	182	968	111	11	691	12	4137	13	342	131	8887
	1904.....	2636	154	18	18	158	1342	85	27	839	.....	835	6	388	148	6648
Watertown—	1905.....	505	—3	1	4	—24	374	—26	16	148	.....	—3302	—7	46	17	—239
	1904.....	2304	165	29	30	159	753	89	23	790	3	1712	.....	437	192	6712
Sum Total—	1905.....	3101	195	60	43	172	930	99	33	765	22	1667	9	520	204	7875
	1904.....	797	30	31	13	13	177	10	10	—25	—1	—45	9	83	12	1163
1905.....	1625	120	30	26	120	653	119	19	679	21	2936	.....	305	148	6938	
	1860	109	30	23	110	694	97	21	703	22	1767	3	323	141	5923	
	1904.....	135	—11	.....	—3	—10	41	—22	2	24	1	—1169	3	18	—7	—1015
	1905.....	8824	651	111	101	631	3229	471	92	2981	77	10420	97	1547	673	30035
	1904.....	11401	707	167	128	660	4054	450	135	3203	58	5887	35	1750	719	29456
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